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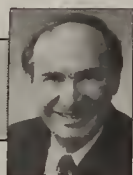
## COMMENTARY

# Pesach celebrates our sense of community

With the beautiful early spring weather we enjoyed in March, it isn't hard to believe that Pesach is already here. Perhaps time has passed so quickly because the staff and leadership of the Vaad has been extremely busy over the past few months as we prepare, as a community, to make two very important decisions.

As I've reported to you in this column, we must decide on the appropriate split in allocations between local and Israel needs and, more specifically, if, how and when we develop new facilities for our community. The accident of timing is such that these decisions will be made this spring, around Passover.

One of the principal themes of the Festival of Freedom is the major task Moses and Aaron faced in breaking not just the physical bonds of captivity for B'nai Yisrael but the mental shackles that bound them as well. In that way we became a community, an Am - a people. Our people then had to give of their material resources and forge new patterns of thought so that they could develop customs and institutions that came to char-



## VAAD REPORT

DR. BERNARD DOLANSKY  
PRESIDENT, VAAD HA'IR

acterize us as Jews.

This spring, on a smaller and different scale, the Jewish community of Ottawa will have to determine how we allocate resources to build our institutions in this city. As we do so I wish us all a happy, kosher Pesach.

### New Hebrew High School to open

Several weeks ago our community undertook appropriate steps to establish a new community supported high school. The Vaad made the decision to proceed on the basis of several conditions, the main one being a minimum enrolment of 10 students. That objective has been reached and surpassed. The opening of the school in September 1995 will be a milestone for our community. A yasher koach to those who have been involved to date and mazal tov for the future.

## Prism of Preservation: A Passover Parable

Every year at the seder, Mike Shapiro turns on his cassette player to listen to the tape of the Haggadah songs, while the rest of the family begins with the shulchan orech part of the seder, i.e. the meal. Happily, this family celebrates the seder in this fashion every year, never changing its routine.

Perhaps we should be thankful that this family even knows about the seder. But, one would venture to say that the above description of this fictitious family's seder is all too prevalent in many Jewish homes, where the lack of Jewish knowledge would embarrass even the son who does not know how to ask.

What is even more disturbing is the trend that one finds among some out-of-town Jewish university students, who, given the opportunity to join local families for seder, opt to stay in their residences and dorms and meld into the university environment. I recall, as Hillel counsellor at Queen's University, that while there were those students who took advantage of the Jewish community's offers of home seder hospitality, most declined.

But what hurts the most, especially at this time of year, is to receive a letter in the mail which describes in lurid detail the poisonous effect missionary groups are having on unsuspecting Jews who believe the pernicious propaganda that a person can be both Jewish and Christian. Furthermore, this publication shows pictures of those meshumadim (apostates) who pretend to be Messianic rabbis giving themselves the illusion and allure of respectability in order to capture the souls of innocent Jewish men and women.

When statistics cry out to the Jewish community that over 130,000 Jews in the United States practise Christianity, when \$100 million (U.S.) is contributed by evangelical movements to convert Jews, one wonders about our own priorities in ensuring our own continuity.

How much money are Jewish communi-



## FROM THE PULPIT

RABBI HOWARD FINKELSTEIN,  
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ties gearing towards Jewish education? In community discussions concerning allocation of resources, are we investing properly in the future of our youth to raise an educated, text literate cadre of up and coming leaders who will guide us in the 21st century? Are our youth receiving enough Jewish education of a vibrant and dynamic nature which will fortify them against the onslaughts of apathy, alienation, assimilation, and yes, even conversionary tactics?

In establishing our priorities, we must go back to the drawing boards set up by our Torah through a phrase that uniquely summarizes the whole focus of the Haggadah: "And you shall tell your child." We must prioritize Jewish education as the means of ensuring successful continuity. We must develop the quintessential Jewish man or woman through our local educational resources.

We must, at Passover, the holiday of education, applaud, support and encourage all programs in our city that promote Jewish education and continuity. We must specifically stand behind our new community day high school which is dedicated to the study of our texts and the inculcation of Jewish values in our students as envisioned by our Torah.

May the sederim of Jewish homes in Ottawa reflect the living expression of our heritage. May they begin with kadesh, may our lives be sanctified by our commitment to Hashem and to Judaism. May we have the merit of nirtzah, may Hashem accept our prayers, and may He bestow His blessings on all of us and on our families.

Chad Kosher Vesameach.

## Ottawa Jewish Community High School to open in September 1995

Months of planning and hard work have culminated in the successful formation of an Ottawa Jewish Community High School. A transitional board has been hard at work under the leadership of Neima Langner and Paul Bregman. The school will open its doors in September 1995 with a grade 9 class of at least 10 students. However, interest has also been expressed in a grade 10 class and plans are under way to try to open the school with two grades.

The Ottawa Jewish Community High School is a coeducational Jewish secondary school with a program combining academic excellence with Judaic studies and an extended French component. Dedicated to developing students to their full potential, intellectually, spiritually and culturally, the school will offer a rigorous, thematic program of Judaic and secular studies, providing students with the knowledge, insight and pride to lead full and satisfying lives as modern Jewish adults.

As an inspected private

school granting the Ontario Secondary School Diploma to its graduates, the Ottawa Jewish Community High School will exceed Ontario Ministry of Education requirements and outcomes. The school will feature small classes, individualized attention and a dynamic, exciting atmosphere. A strong emphasis will be placed on student initiative, leadership, responsibility and empowerment.

At this time, school organization is being directed by Ian Macdonald, recently retired principal of Lisgar Collegiate. Under his guidance, potential sites for the school have been identified, recruitment of staff is under way, and curriculum development, scheduling and budgeting issues are being addressed.

It is hoped that the community will respond enthusiastically to this new component of the Ottawa Jewish educational system. Students and parents who are interested and wish further information may contact the school at 151 Chapel Street (726-0682).

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## 1934: Ottawa Vaad Ha'ir is established

By Cynthia Nyman Engel

In comparison with other Jewish communities in Canada, Ottawa was one of the earliest to constitute a formal council. To this day, Ottawa is among the most organized communities in North America.

By 1934, the Ottawa Jewish community had grown sufficiently large enough to support four congregations, Adath Jeshurun, 375 King Edward Avenue; Agudath Achim, 417 Rideau Street; Machzikei Hadas, corner King Edward Avenue and Murray Street; and B'nai Jacob, 54 James Street. These houses of worship were referred to, locally, as King Edward Avenue, Rideau Street, Murray Street and James Street shuls.

Smaller pockets within the community had been organizing, as well. There were now an active Vaad Hakashruth, B'nai Brith Lodge, Talmud Torah and Folk Shule, Hebrew Sick Benefit Society, Hebrew Free Loan Association, Zionist Organization, Benevolent Society, Hadasah Council and Young Judea.

In addition, a Yiddish Literary and Dramatic Society, Young Peoples' League of the Synagogues of Ottawa (YPL), and Judean Symphony Orchestra were attracting enthusiastic participants. The community was on the move.

Creating a unified council, mandated to oversee the various factions of the rapidly expanding Jewish community, required the full sanction of the four synagogues and the constituent organizations.

On January 3, 1934, one of the most powerful of those organizations, the Vaad Hakashruth, convened a special meeting of its members in the vestry rooms of the King Edward Avenue shul. Its purpose: to vote on the proposed establishment of a community

council.

By then, the membership of two of the congregations, King Edward Avenue and Rideau Street, had already given their unqualified approval to the proposal. Murray Street had not yet had the opportunity to vote; James Street had rejected it outright.

Anticipation ran high among the 18 committee members present, as Caspar Caplan, who was both acting chairman of the Vaad Hakashruth and president of the King Edward Avenue congregation, presented the concept to the gathering.

"The Vaad Ha'ir would be a united council, to which representative Jews from each synagogue would be sent," Caplan said. "And the council, in the final analysis, would have the say on any question which has a Jewish interest."

"It would be subdivided into various committees," he continued, "which would function on the various institutional boards, such as the Vaad Hakashruth (sic), the Talmud Torah and Folk Shule; and, withal, it would work towards the unification of the Jewish community in Ottawa."

A lively discussion followed, culminating in a vote unanimously in favor of the formation of a Vaad Ha'ir.

Now it was time to lean on the Murray Street and James Street congregations.

"It is the honest duty of everyone to overlook his individual tastes at times and work in harmony with all the others towards the betterment of the community," the minutes record Caplan saying, as the decision was taken to exhort the two remaining congregations to fall into line.

Letters went out posthaste to both, advising their memberships that the Vaad Hakashruth stood solidly behind

King Edward Avenue's and Rideau Street's decision to create a Vaad Ha'ir.

By their February 25 meeting, Murray Street had responded.

The letter of affirmation said the congregation "embraced wholeheartedly the idea of a kehillah."

By March 18, James Street had capitulated.

On Sunday morning, March 25, in the vestry rooms of the King Edward Synagogue, a preliminary organization meeting of the Ottawa Vaad Ha'ir was held with representatives from all four congregations.

Their first act was to pass a resolution constituting themselves as the Vaad Ha'ir Board, and strike a steering committee, comprising Dr. S. Mirsky, M. Loeb, S. Berger, H. Finkelstein, A. Dworkin, M. Steinberg, A. Sherman, M. Dworkin and, ex officio, Rabbi A.H. Freedman.

Ten days later, on Wednesday, April 4, with the addition of T. Sachs to their number, the Steering Committee of the Ottawa Vaad Ha'ir met at the Talmud Torah at 171 George Street, and drafted the following:

□ The organization shall be called "The Vaad Ha'ir of Ottawa" — "Jewish Community Council of Ottawa."

□ Its purpose will be twofold:

- To supervise and direct the religious, cultural, philanthropic and national life of the Jewish community of Ottawa;

- To unite the community with other Jewish communities of Canada, through the agency of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

□ Its membership shall be composed of

- Representatives of the four synagogues, as follows: King Edward Avenue, ten; Rideau St., nine; Murray St., eight; James St., seven.

- Two delegates from any other organization with a membership of at least 50 (ages 21 years and over), which has been in existence for at least one year, and is recognized by the Vaad Ha'ir as being of a kind or standing worthy of representation.

□ Bodies listed as under its control would include the Vaad Hakashruth, Talmud Torah, Hebrew Benevolent Society, a Public Relations Committee, an Organized Charities Campaigns Committee, Canadian Jewish Congress Committee, Burial Committee, Arbitration Committee and a Youth Organizations Committee.

At a second meeting of the Steering Committee, held on Thursday, April 19, it was recommended that the Vaad Ha'ir invite the ladies' organizations to "form a local Council of Jewish Women which would then appoint two representatives to the Vaad Ha'ir."

That meeting also decided that each organization sending



Caspar Caplan, a prime mover in the establishment of Ottawa's Vaad Ha'ir. (Photo courtesy of Ottawa Jewish Historical Society)

representatives to the Vaad Ha'ir "shall pay \$5.00 per member, per annum." And, "in order that the organization be in good standing, total membership fee must be paid at the Annual Meeting. Until November 1st, 1934, membership fee shall be \$2.50 each, payable immediately."

It was determined that the executive would consist of a president, vice-president, treasurer and secretary. The executive committee was to comprise the executive, the presidents of the four synagogues and the chairmen of the Vaad Hakashruth, Talmud Torah, Benevolent Society, Public Relations Committee and Youth Organizations Committee.

Regular meetings of the Vaad Ha'ir would take place on the last Sunday of every third month; executive committee meetings once per month; and special meetings whenever deemed necessary by the president. Fifty per cent of the main body, and two-thirds of committees were established as the requirement for a quorum.

Reports of the various committees were to be presented in writing at the regular quarterly meetings and an annual meeting was to be held on the last Sunday of October. The Council's fiscal year would run from

November 1 to October 31.

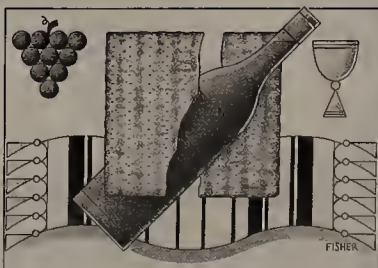
The Steering Committee also placed itself on record as favoring the appointment of Mr. L.H. Goldman as secretary, his salary to be determined by the newly formed executive.

The first Regular Meeting of The Jewish Community Council of Ottawa took place on Sunday morning, April 29 in the vestry rooms of the King Edward Avenue synagogue. The executive officers, all elected by acclamation, were: A.J. Freiman, president; T. Sachs, vice-president; A. Dworkin, treasurer; B. Pearl, honorary secretary; L.H. Goldman, secretary.

In his first act as president, Mr. Freiman commended the efforts of Caspar Caplan, who, in his capacity as president of Adath Jeshurun Congregation, had been instrumental in directing the formation of a Vaad Ha'ir in Ottawa.

The meeting also singled out Rabbi A.H. Freedman and Dr. S. Mirsky for their efforts in helping bring about the establishment of the Jewish Community Council.

In the next instalment, we shall see the changes implemented by the first executive under the leadership of A.J. Freiman.



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## ORGANIZATIONS AND PEOPLE

# Geri Migicovsky: A life-long involvement with the media

By Cynthia Nyman Engel

When the Nepean Public Library Complex decided to showcase the early days of radio this spring, they turned to a pro to coordinate the event. Geri Migicovsky, whose mellifluous voice was familiar to CBC radio audiences in the 1940s, is responsible for putting together a one-day retrospective chronicling the early days of the medium.

The event is scheduled for April 29 at the library's Centrepont Branch, where Migicovsky will share 'mike' time with radio personalities Gord Atkinson, Les Lye and Bill Luxton.

In addition, the Museum of Science and Technology is sending its complete Marconi exhibit; and the afternoon will include a 15-minute live skit complete with sound effects as heard on radio in the early days. Visitors to the display will also enjoy a trip down memory lane listening to tapes from the radio days of their youth.

Now, what was a nice girl like Geri doing in a sound booth in the 40s? Well, take one awkward teenage daughter, add a sensitive mother, stir in some acting lessons and, in the case of Geri Migicovsky, create a recipe for success.

"I was always the tallest and skinniest in my class," Migicovsky says, "and my mother was aware of how difficult it was for me, so she enrolled me in drama and elocution lessons."

The investment paid off handsomely. In time, Migicovsky evolved into a poised, self-confident young woman who secured a career in radio and, ultimately, in television.

Aficionados of CBC radio in the early 40s will remember tuning in to daily episodes of Canada's first-ever soap opera, *The Life and Loves of Dr. Susan*. What they didn't know was that Geri Carroll, who played the 35-year old Dr. Susan, was actually 18-year old Winnipeg-born Geraldine Shnier.

"My producer had said ethnic names were a no-no," Geri explains, "so I chose the surname of a beautiful movie star of the day, Madeline Carroll." Years later, on reading Carroll's obituary, Geri discovered that, coincidentally, she and the actress shared the same day of birth.

Migicovsky, who was selected for the lead from hundreds of hopefuls at the Toronto audition, marvels at the daring content of that early 'soap'.

"Can you imagine, in those days a woman doctor, with two children and a dreadful, philandering husband. It was very exciting and I got very good money for the work."

For two years the trials and tribulations of Dr. Susan aired in the 15 minute time slot preceding the noon hour production, *The Happy Gang*. Then the Second World War intervened and it became impossible for the show's sponsor, Lever Bros., to acquire the fat needed to produce their soap products. Of necessity, they ceased advertising and the popular daytime

drama left the air.

The well-modulated voice that belied her youth won Migicovsky a variety of radio roles. Among them were Tootsie the Hat Check Girl in a Mickey Spillane-type Canadian detective series; and, as the long-suffering mother to mischievous contemporaries, Wayne and Shuster, at the outset of their ultimately successful careers.

During the war, Canadians could hear her voice emanating from loudspeakers stationed on the clock on Toronto's Old City Hall as part of the War Bonds effort. "I was a mother reading a letter from her son overseas," she explains.

In between jobs, Migicovsky, no longer the awkward, skinny teen, supplemented her earnings by modelling.

In 1943, Geri married a fellow Winnipegger, biochemist Bert Migicovsky, whom she met in Toronto through a mutual friend. When her husband returned from a tour of duty overseas, the couple moved to Ottawa, where Bert began his career with the federal government in the Department of Agriculture. He retired in 1977 as the department's assistant deputy minister of research. Bert, who suffered with heart problems for 25 years, passed away in 1986.

Always interested, organized and capable, the new girl in town immediately sought out local organizations. She became involved in the National Council of Jewish Women, frequently coordinating fashion show fundraisers with Eleanor Weiner and Mina Dover Cohen; was a member of Agudath Israel Sisterhood, serving a term as the organization's president; and was active on the Hilson Public School PTA.

And, somewhere in between running a household, raising two children, and her outside commitments, Migicovsky found time to continue her love affair with the media.

For several years, she hosted a radio show on CKOY. "Recipes, household hints," she chuckles. "When I think of that show now, ohhh, the feminists would disown me!"

Following her return to Ottawa after spending Bert's sabbatical year in Berkeley, California, Geri did bit parts and voice-overs for Crawley Films and National Film Board documentaries. In 1962, she began a long and happy association with CJOH-TV.

"I just loved being involved and being at the studio," she says.

What started as host of a daily show designed for women evolved into a position as resident producer of a one-hour game show interspersed with interviews. Viewers will remember watching TV Bingo and Fractured Phrases, two of Geri's shows of the day.

"I remember when (identical twins) Ed and Herb Saslove were pitted against two identical women twins on Fractured Phrases," Geri laughs. She doesn't recall who won.

She was involved in the production of the Galloping



Geri Migicovsky

Gourmet, *The Amazing Kreskin* and *Celebrity Cooks*. She also appeared on the daily production *What's On* and, with Peter Stursberg, co-hosted an action-line type show.

While her professional career ended when she and Bert began to spend their winters in Florida, a new cause, the implementation of 9-1-1 in the Ottawa region, emerged.

"We used to drive down to Florida," Geri says. "Bert was already ill at the time, and wherever we would stop, I would call - without his knowing - to find out if there was an emergency number in the place."

In 1984, just after they'd returned from Florida, she heard CBC announcer Harry Elton interviewing Dr. Justin Maloney on the need for a paramedic service in Ottawa.

"And, in order to get a paramedic service, 9-1-1 had to be instituted," she explains.

Geri wound up co-chairing Action 9-1-1, first with Mark Maloney who had to resign the position when he entered politics, and ultimately with Mark O'Neill. After lobbying regional government for two years, it was passed by Council, just three weeks after Bert died.

During the following two years required for installation of the service, Geri chaired the 9-1-1 Public Awareness Committee. The first call was made in June, 1988; in March, 1993, 9-1-1 logged its one millionth call.

Subsequently, Geri sat on the steering committee for Action Paramedic, which recently received funding for the first group of ambulance drivers.

On Bert Migicovsky's death, their friends established a scholarship in his name at the Weizmann Institute, a cause to which Geri remains committed. These days, she is involved in planning a fundraising reception for the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute at which Nobel Prize winning physicist, Dr. Georges Charpak, will be the guest of honor. The proceeds of the event, scheduled for June 6 at the residence of Embassy of Israel, will be used to promote collaborative research.

As well, she is a member of the committee currently arranging a Roaring Twenties Party in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the first showing of *The Group of Seven*. The function is scheduled to take place at the National Gallery of Canada on October 14.

Geri, who is a vice-president of the Ottawa Chapter, Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation, also finds time to sit on the Ottawa Civic Hospital's Foundation and Community Advisory boards. She is a member of the District Health Council, Emergency Service Branch; and a member of the auction committee for REACH.

Both Geri's children live in Toronto. Her son, John, a businessman involved in the communications field, and his wife, Carol Strom, are the parents of three children; daughter, Janet and her husband, Dr. Murray Finkelstein, have two children.

And what advice would the veteran communicator give to young people wanting to get into the profession today?

"You have to want it very badly, and not let anyone deter you," she says. "But remember that it's very, very difficult, much more so now than then. However, the satisfaction is tremendous."



In a production of *Little Women*, Geri (front left) plays Jo.

## ORGANIZATIONS AND PEOPLE

## 50th anniversary of Liberation to be commemorated at Yom HaShoah ceremony

By Ruth Kahane

The 1995 Holocaust Remembrance Day ceremony will have a double focus - the liberated and the liberators.

Survivors and War Veterans will join with the community to mark the historic 50th anniversary of Liberation to be commemorated on Yom HaShoah, Thursday, April 27. The ceremony is organized by the Ottawa Shoah (Holocaust) Remembrance Committee under chairperson Lea Kalin. It will take place at the Jewish Community Centre auditorium from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Over 500 people are expected to gather to light memorial candles and participate in the solemn remembrance.

Keynote speaker, Alan Rose, who participated in the liberation of Bergen-Belsen concentration camp, will share a veteran's memories of the historical events. Rose, a professional leader of Jewish community affairs in the national and international arena since the 1970s, is now a member of the federal Immigration and Refugee Board. He was awarded

the United States Presidential Citation of Honour as a liberator of Bergen-Belsen in 1980 and the Terezin Anti-Fascist Fighters medal by the government of Czechoslovakia in 1987. In 1986 he was awarded the Order of Canada.

On behalf of the government of Canada, Minister of National Defence and Veterans Affairs David Collette will accept a special presentation to thank the country and the Canadian War Veterans. The British High Commissioner, the ambassadors of Russia, France and the United States will also receive a presentation to remember the fallen soldiers of Liberation.

The Jewish War Veterans, National Capital Post, will lead the Colour Party. Hugh Greene, Dominion Command and the representatives of the 10 local branches of the Royal Canadian Legion will be in attendance.

Rabbi Ely Braun will present the rabbinical address and Cantor David Aptowitzer will be the chazzan. Survivors and children of survivors will lead the memorial candlelighting for the six million martyrs and heroes.



Alan Rose

The Hon. David Collette

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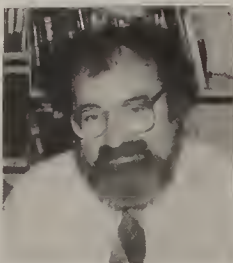
## Irving Abella reflects on redemption and creation

Passover, recognized as the festival of freedom, is once again upon us. As I prepare to conclude my three-year mandate as president of Canadian Jewish Congress at the coming National Plenary Assembly in Montreal May 14 and 15, it is an appropriate time to reflect on both "redemption" and "creation".

Over the last few years, we have been able to celebrate "redemption" through the exodus of Jews from the former Soviet Union, Ethiopia and now Syria. In terms of "creation", Israel has moved closer to peace than ever before and we watched with pride as diplomatic relations were established with Israel.

In Canada, the Jewish community continues to battle anti-Semitism more than 50 years after the Holocaust. Nazi war criminals still live in our country and immigration is constantly under attack. The overall picture is not entirely rosy, but we do have much to be proud of.

When the CJC first met in 1919, Canada



Irving Abella

was permeated with xenophobia, nativism and anti-Semitism. The Jews who gathered in Montreal 76 years ago knew they were the bottom of Canadian society - despised, demeaned, discriminated against. They were the pariahs of exclusionary culture, the targets of abuse from their host society, barred from most professions, kept out of most universities, restricted from most jobs, prevented from living and vacationing in a wide variety of areas from coast to coast. Not for a moment would these Jews have thought it possible that a child of that wonderful but besieged community would grow up to become the Chief Justice of Canada, nor could they imagine that a grandchild would become president of that bastion of anglo-exclusivity, McGill University.

As we sit down this year at the seder table, we can only hope that in a civilized world, our future cannot possibly be as brutal or as trying as our past. The agenda is daunting. The task is formidable. But we are a formidable people.

## Keeping up to date with Chavarot ORT

By Eileen Bercovitch

It has been a busy couple of months for the Chavarot Chapter of ORT. In February, Aviad Ivri, who is the third-in-command at the Israeli embassy, brought the chapter up to date on the state of affairs in Israel. It was very encouraging to hear Ivri speak so positively, and with so much hope for the future of Israel.

The March meeting was held at the home of Aliza Gausuz, and the members were treated to an evening of "Easy and Healthy" cooking hints.

The speaker was Marilyn Kack, RDBSC, a nutritionist at the Ottawa Athletic Club. She had many wonderful ideas on how to make eating nutritiously more appealing to both children and adults. Marilyn is also the founder of the "Lifestyle Program" to help overweight people easily modify their eating habits.

Don't forget that May 14 is Mother's Day, and once again the Chavarot Chapter will be selling Brunch Boxes. For more information on this unique gift idea, call Carol Freedman (226-6640).

## Square dance 'bash' a real smash

By Gary and Marcia Kirshner

On Sunday afternoon, March 12, the "Bytown Squares" square dance club hosted its first "Bagel Bash".

Close to 300 square dancers convened at the Agudath Israel Synagogue to participate in this first annual event. They represented 23 different square dance clubs from Eastern Ontario and Quebec. Eight callers also came to listen and dance to the host callers, Bill Judge and Paul Adams, who did an excellent job keeping the dancers moving in the basic and mainstream halls.

After an afternoon of dancing, participants enjoyed a buffet that included - what else - bagels, lox and cream cheese.

The event concluded with the singing of The Friendship Song with everyone holding hands

and singing "Let's all join hands in friendship ..."

Bagel Bash could not have been the success it was without the involvement of the following Bytown Squares members: Susan Greenberg, Larry and Barbara Hershorn, Irving and Claire Bercovitch, Aaron and Rhonda Caplan, Seymour and Edna Eisenberg, Phil and Norma Lazear, Akiva and Shirley Kriger, Lawrence and Bess Weiner, Morris and Leah Melamed, Gordon and Helen Froman, Gary and Marcia Kirshner, Abe Murray and Bob Gencher. Thanks also to Teena and Uri Goldberg for helping to decorate the halls.

The next Bagel Bash has been scheduled for April 1996. If you are interested in joining Bytown Squares, which is a program of the JCC, recruitment will take place in September.



Simon enjoys playing ball at Tiny Treasures

## Ottawa's Tiny Treasures is an innovative nursery school

By Devora Caytak

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As the Jewish holidays are a main part of the curriculum, several innovative crafts are being planned for Passover. A model seder and matzah bakery factory are scheduled again this year for the children to experience learning about Judaism in a truly "hands-on" approach.

Registration is open for the 1995-1996 school year. A limited number of spaces is available. For more information, call Devora Caytak (729-7712 or 729-1619).

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Grade 1 class at Talmud Torah

## Registration time at TTAS

By Doris Bronstein

Now is the time to think about your child's Jewish education. It is registration time in Ottawa's Hebrew School system.

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We look forward to welcoming your child and family to Ottawa Talmud Torah Afternoon Hebrew School, 881 Broadview Avenue for 1995-96. Information is available from the school office (722-8827). You are invited to our "Open House" on Sunday, April 30, from 10:00 to 11:30 am.

## Women's Division State of Israel Bonds Six outstanding Ottawa women to be honored

Women's Division State of Israel Bonds, will honor six outstanding Ottawa women at a special dinner to be held on Tuesday April 25, at Machzikei Hadas Synagogue. In recognition of their devotion to the Jewish community and Israel, the following have been chosen: Barbara Solomon Brown, Goldie Cantor, Vera Gara, Carol Kassie, Lori Loeb and Shelley Schachnow.

This opening event of the campaign will be chaired by Ellen Fathi. Committee members include Vera Klein (chair, Women's Division), Pearl Abtan, Iboya Goldberg, Sheila Hartman (past chair), Marion Mayman, Beverly Swedko and Gail Victor.

The special guest speaker will be Dr. Ellen Cannon, an authority on Jewish feminism and a keen analyst of the political issues facing Jews in North America and Israel today. She is a graduate of the State University of New York at Stony Brook and received her M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Political Science from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Dr. Cannon currently serves as professor of Political Science and Public Policy at Northeastern Illinois and Roosevelt Universities, and is a political commentator for National Public Radio (WBEZ). As a nationally known lecturer and author she has spoken and written extensively on Jewish feminism, economics, politics and social history.

Cannon is active in numerous Jewish organizations. She is vice-president of the American Jewish Congress and Midwest Region Commissioner for Jewish Women's Equality. She serves on the executive board of the Jewish Women's Caucus of the National Women's Studies Association and is a task force member of the Chicago Human Relations Commission.

Plan to attend this special event. There will be a nominal couvert plus a 1995 State of Israel Bond commitment. Though this is a Women's Division event, all men are welcome.



Ellen Fathi, chair of Women's Division State of Israel Bonds Opening Event

## Variety of courses available at the Hebrew University this summer

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Rothberg School for Overseas Students is offering more than 40 courses in the humanities, social sciences and sciences, conducted in English this summer. The courses are offered in two sessions, July 4 to 24, 1995, and July 26 to August 17, 1995. Hebrew and Arabic language courses run from July 4 to August 17, 1995. Classes generally run five days a week, Sunday to Thursday, and credit for the courses are transferable to most Canadian universities. There are also courses available in French during the August session.

Summer courses at the Hebrew University are open to undergraduates and graduate students, as well as adults with an academic background. All applicants must be admitted to, enrolled in or have completed study at an accredited

institution of higher education. More than 1,000 students from more than 40 countries attend the summer courses annually, making the program a genuine international education experience.

Students can choose from a variety of courses which include: Women in Judaism; Jewish Dimensions of Human Genetics; Fundamentalism in the Arab World; The Peace Process in the Middle East 1977 to 1995; An Introduction to Economic Botany; and Introduction to Marine Science in the Gulf of Eilat. To celebrate the city of Jerusalem's 3,000th anniversary the course, "Creative Writing and 3,000 Years of Jerusalem" is also being offered.

The International Summer Institute for Graduate Students will offer courses for qualified MA and PhD students during both ses-

sions. "Medical Law and Ethics" and "Law, Religion and Ethics in a Multicultural Setting", courses specially designed for the Hamline-Hebrew University Programs, Law, Religion and Ethics are offered again this year.

Hebrew language courses are offered in six different levels. Stu-

dents are placed according to their level which is determined by a placement test. Arabic and Yiddish language courses are also available.

Students are generally housed on the Mount Scopus campus where most of the classes are held and the Office of Student Activities offers many extracurricular

programs and tours.

For more information or an application for the summer courses or any other programs at the Hebrew University, contact Michael Litvack (416-485-8000) or (1-800-668-3956, Ontario and Quebec only) or fax (416-485-8565) or E-mail (75477.201 @compuserve.com).

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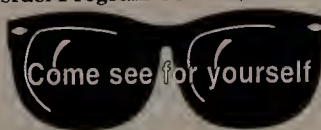
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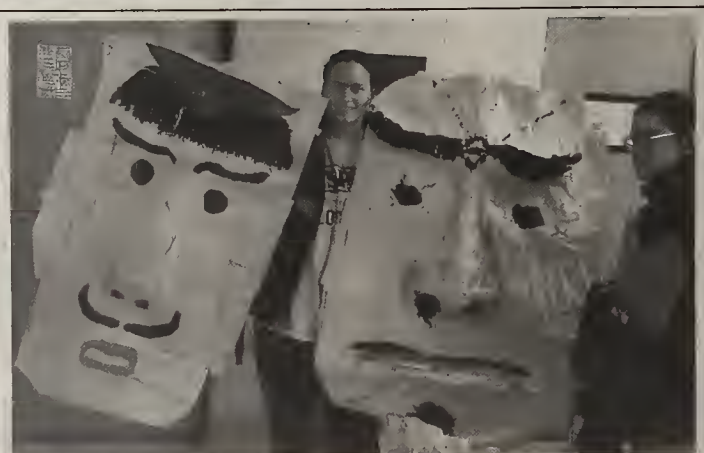
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Students in Dr. Michael Parkins's Jewish Art and Artists class at Akiva High School constructed and painted these very special papier maché masks for the holiday.

(Above) Naomi Stegen-ga (left) and Naomi Lynch. (At right) All set for Purim.



## CJC and B'nai Brith urge swift action on all suspected Nazi war criminals

Canadian Jewish Congress was gratified to learn that the federal Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration will finally begin denaturalization proceedings against suspected Nazi war criminal Erichs Tobias.

The individual is living in the Toronto area. "The name of this person was not unknown to us, and the Arjas Kommando operating in Latvia, which Tobias allegedly belonged to, was one of the most murderous units in Europe during the Holocaust," stated CJC President Professor Irving Abella.

"Although the government is moving forward on the process of denaturalization and deportation as it promised," the CJC president added, "There remains at least 11 other suspects whom the government has identified. Immediate action should be taken against them. Time is running out to bring the perpetrators of these heinous crimes to justice."

B'nai Brith also commended the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, but called for even swifter action in dealing with all cases of suspected Nazi crim-

inals in Canada.

"We commend the government for bringing this case forward and for dealing with deportation and denaturalization cases as a priority," said Rubin Friedman, director of Government Relations.

"We look forward to seeing the other three cases, already announced, proceed. In addition, we urge the government to bring its other cases to court as expeditiously as possible. As Canadians, we need to deal with these cases now, before it is too late to render justice."



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Laura Greenberg on the birth of her granddaughter Ryan Danielle by uncle Ben Greenberg; by Max and Ellie Greenberg and family; by Bernice and Isaac Kerzner and family; and by Jerry and Lily Penso and family.

Betsy and Harry Kofsky on Jeffrey's engagement to Elizabeth Zinman by Leo and Shirley Weiner and family.

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Lily Penso on being honored by N'Shei Chabad by Nathan and Reba Diener; by Marjorie and Lou Goldmaker; and by Shirley and Akiva Kriger.

Mark and Elly Palmer on Reina's arrival by Irene Waxman and family.

Jerry Penso on his birthday by Chick and Rose Taylor and family.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Rosenfeld on their wedding anniversary by Freda and Maxwell Lobel.

### Refuah Sh'Lemah to:

Ann Blair by Sue and John Fisher and Doris Finn.

Minnie Milson by Sue and John Fisher.

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### In Memory of:

Linda Edelstein, Toronto by Esther and Fred Ballon; and by Max and Ellie Greenberg.

Annie Kronick by Gloria and Arni Faintuck; by Freda and Maxwell Lobel; and by Joyce and Jack Steinberg.

Father of Ady Moses by Esther and Fred Ballon and family.

Father of Freddie Nadel by Bill, Phyllis, Jordan and David Leith.

Fanny Osterer by Bill, Phyllis, Jordan and David Leith.

Becky Rotkin by Joe and Rickie Loomer and family.

Reverend Samuel Schreiber by Freda and Maxwell Lobel.

Sister of Al Segal by Leo and Shirley Weiner.

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Grandfather of Natalie Stern by Laura Penso.

### General

In observance of the Yahrzeit of a dear father, Samuel Lazear, by Sonia and Sheldon Shaffer.

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The Fund's pre-state work in land purchase and reclamation largely determined the borders of the State of Israel. The creation of the state itself presented KKL-JNF with unprecedented opportunities for national development.

The State of Israel belongs to the entire Jewish People. Every Jew has a stake in its growth and prosperity and, through JNF, can be a full partner in the development of the Jewish national homeland.

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When we grew up and visited Israel, the far-off land where all those pennies and nickels, dimes and quarters gleaned from Jewish homes around the world were sent, the importance of the Blue Box was suddenly very clear. We saw before our eyes mighty forests from little donations grown.

The Blue Box of our youth has had a face lift. It is, after all, necessary to keep up with the times. However, one of its purposes remains the same: to cover the land with trees. And each filled Blue Box means more of that essential greenery will make the land bloom.

If your home needs a Blue Box, they're available for the asking at United Kosher Meat and Deli, 378 Richmond Road; Yiddishe Mamma's Kosher Kitchen, 100 Craig Henry Drive; and at the JNF office, 151 Chapel St. Blue Box Chair Jeff Sidney has blanketed the city with them. Pick yours up today and help with the greening of Israel.

## Sefer Bar/Bat Mitzvah inscribees

Mazal Tov to Michael Wilder, Adam Cotman, Michael Osterer, and Jordana Polowin, recent b'nei mitzvah. Each of the celebrants' parents used the happy occasion to inscribe their children's names in the JNF Sefer Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

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## Domestic violence:

## Does the system work?

On Sunday, March 19, Jewish Family Services sponsored an educational seminar on domestic violence. The informative and at times provocative workshop focused on the special needs of newcomers (immigrants and refugees) to Canada, within the Jewish community as well as the community-at-large.

Abuse of all forms (physical, verbal, sexual and emotional) continues to be an issue of public interest and concern. Efforts are being made at many levels to help raise awareness of abuse, and to support women who are in abusive relationships. While far from guaranteeing safety to all women, we, as a community, are taking positive steps to help recognize and hopefully reduce abuse.

Violence against women is common to all racial and ethnic groups. When examining the abuse experienced by a newcomer, it is necessary to take into account the intensified context in which she experiences it.

Isolation through lack of language skills as well as the lack of social support from family or close friends may compound the fears and anxieties faced by any woman in an abusive relationship. Many newcomers arrive from patriarchal cultures where they have few, if any, rights. In addition, they may have learned to fear the police or outside agencies if police were an aggressive force in their country of origin. Although the problems of immigration and adaptation vary because of economics, social education and racial status, immigration is

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nonetheless, an additional variable that is not present for the mainstream population of abused women.

In an attempt to address these

specific concerns, JFS engaged a panel of experts consisting of Debra McLeod, coordinator of the Victim Crisis Unit for the Regional Police of Ottawa-Carleton; Jacqueline Bittencourt, a woman's shelter activist who is a newcomer to Canada; and Steven Greenberg, a lawyer in family practice.

This forum covered issues related to how an individual in an abusive relationship can get help. The discussion focused on services provided within the community, addressed the role of the police and how the legal system works to assist women who have been abused. In addition, the specific concerns faced by newcomers were discussed and clarified.

Jewish Family Services is a resource for families facing abuse. Our 24-hour emergency hot line, and our informed and supportive clinical social work staff are available to everyone regardless of race, religion or finances.

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## JET celebrates Purim in disguise

JET recently held a Purim masquerade party at the home of Dr. Andre and Shelley Engel. The attendees came in a wide variety of costumes with prizes being awarded to the best dressed.

The evening included musical entertainment by Ari Brodsky and Aviel Feingold as well as David Hoffman leading a spirited game of adult *Simon Says*. Guest comics from the audience had the opportunity to tell their best joke. In keeping with the spirit of Purim and JET, a Dvar Torah was delivered by Rabbi Zischa Shaps.



Guests enjoy themselves at JET Purim party.

Future JET events include a wide variety of subjects each Shabbaton sometime in May as well as continuous classes on a 521-4437.

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### Education retreat on Jewish divorce

By Toby Yan

From March 10 to 12, fifty women from across Canada gathered together at Camp B'nai Brith, north of Montreal, for a weekend of education and enlightenment on the subject of the Get, the Jewish divorce.

Three women representing Hadassah-WIZO, Emunah and Jewish Family Services attended from Ottawa. The retreat was organized by the National Coalition of Jewish Women for the Get, and was made possible by grants received from Multiculturalism Programs of Heritage Canada, the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Montreal and a private foundation.

Evelyn Brook, president of the National Coalition, began the weekend with a disquieting description of the plight of agunot, women who cannot obtain a Get. Many participants were moved to tears when they heard the story of one woman at the retreat.

Norma Joseph, president of the International Coalition of Agunah Rights and professor of Jewish Studies at Concordia University, described the procedures for obtaining a Get, and discussed the resources within Halakhah to free the agunah.

Wendy Bryans, provided an overview of Section 21.1, an amendment to the Divorce Act, and how it came into being. Bryans, who is counsel with the Family, Children and Youth Section of the Department of Justice, was involved in developing the amendment. This piece of legislation enables the court to refuse to hear a man's case, if he has not

removed any barriers, under his control, to the remarriage of his spouse.

Linda Shacter, a Montreal attorney in family law, discussed some cases from her practice, and the implications of Section 21.1 for the agunah.

No one has an accurate figure of the exact number of women who are agunot. In Israel, a conservative estimate is 10,000, and the incidence, world wide, is believed to be on the rise.

One of the goals of the retreat was to establish local coalitions across Canada. If you are interested in participating in a local group, call me (224-4560).

### CAMPUS BEAT

#### Update on International Day

By Tracey Kardash  
Director, JSU

On behalf of the Jewish Students' Union I would like to bring to the attention of our community the support and understanding that was given to us by the University of Ottawa following the unfortunate events which took place on campus during Israel Day. As I reported in the Bulletin (February 27, 1995) the Islam students' display was considered inappropriate, highly political and provocative.

Quick actions were taken by

Abdo Ghie, the Clubs Commissioner, to prevent the spread of anti-Israel propaganda. Following the event, a meeting was arranged with Marcel Hamelin, the university's rector in order to further discuss the incidents, as well as possible preventive measures for future International Day events.

The Jewish Students' Union is now working with the university in order to assure that the proper policies are in place, and that International Week continues to occur on campus as a cultural event to further awareness and understanding.

### Mazal Tov!

#### Engaged!

Rachel (Halpern) Marcovici (formerly of Ottawa) and Rubin Marcovici of Toronto are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter Shauna to Mitchell, son of Louis and Frances Small of Montreal. Proud grandparents are Isadore Markovitz and Rose and Isaac Small, all of Montreal. An August wedding is planned in Toronto.

#### Engaged!

Pat and Morris Neuman are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Cindy to Dr. Steven Poplove, son of Dr. Myron and Ruth Poplove, all of Ottawa.

Proud grandparents are Ettie Allen and the late Max Weintraub, Andzia and Abraham Neuman, and Morris and Bertha Gordon. An October wedding is planned.

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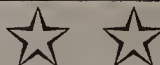
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Session 2 - July 26 to August 20

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The most successful graduates of this Leadership/Skill Development Program are considered for employment as Junior Counsellors. Call the Director for details.

For further information on any of these items call Allan at 749-8817

## PASSOVER

## Passover around the JDC world

Passover seders in Serbia, in the former Yugoslavia, will be bolstered this year by the presence of Rabbi Yitzhak Aigenmacht Asiel, the first native-born fully trained rabbi in this region since the end of the Second World War.

Matzot and wine will be sent to Jewish communities in Mostar, Tuzla and Zenica, as well as Sarajevo, where a major holiday celebration is planned. Passover supplies will also be distributed to the Jewish communities in Croatia, where the Jewish educator who was sent from Israel will be leading Passover seders in Zagreb, Split and Makarska for refugees from Bosnia-Herzegovina.

These activities represent only a few of the Passover preparations undertaken by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) in 1995.

As the overseas arm of the North American Jewish community, JDC, with funding from the regular campaigns

of the United Jewish Appeal, serves Jewish populations throughout the world by providing social welfare assistance and maintaining their religious and cultural needs.

In the former Soviet Union, JDC is also sponsoring community seders in Kiev and in five additional small communities in the periphery and providing them with kosher wine and matzot baked locally in Kiev. In addition, JDC will commission a design for a seder plate by a Kiev Jewish artist and distribute the plates to community schools.

Public seders will be held throughout Poland this year. A community seder will be held in Warsaw coordinated by the local TSKZ club (Jewish Socio-cultural Association), and in 14 other clubs in the main cities of Poland.

The Jews of Cuba will also hold communal seders. JDC will help the recently reorganized communities of Santiago, Cienfuegos, Camaguey and Havana hold their own



Youngsters of the Ilanah Children's Village in the Netherlands participate in a Passover Seder, circa 1948. The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) brought 500 Jewish orphans to the Children's Village after the Holocaust. (PHOTO: JDC)

seders, and Haggadot will be printed and distributed to those communities. A semi-

nar will be held in Havana for adults and young people on the meaning of Passover

and educational material will be supplied to the Tikun Olam Jewish School.

## Israelis do not pass over this holiday

By Carl Alpert

HAIFA - The Passover festival is the most widely observed of all holidays in Israel, with 97.8 per cent of local Jews recording that they do attend a seder of one sort or another. Only 25 per cent strictly observe all the ritual requirements as laid down in the Haggadah; 53 per cent are not so fussy, but do follow a traditional format. The remainder maintain a secular attitude but recognize the week as a festival of freedom.

Passover can create problems in some circles. Last year, Jerusalem's drinking water was called into question. The head of the haredi rabbinical court ruled that because the capital's water came from the Kinneret, the Sea of Galilee, it was not kosher for Passover. This, because fishermen use bread as bait, and because visitors throw empty beer bottles into the water. However, former Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef decreed that the quantity of bread was so small that it did not matter - citing the rule that it is batel b'shishim, less than one sixtieth of the mass. For those whose conscience might bother them, he advised filtering the tap water.

The holiday spirit is evident everywhere. During the Hol Hamoed, the intermediate days, the entire population seems to take to the road, especially religious folks who do not go sightseeing on Shabbat. Scores of cultural festivals are held throughout the country. Since Passover occurs at a time of full moon, some desert areas conduct moonlight tours.

Food is, of course, a major element of the holiday. Supermarkets and grocery stores banish all hametz from their shelves, or enclose the offending areas with large sheets of paper or plastic coverings. Bread is nowhere to be seen. In the days immediately preceding the holiday, non-observers flock to stock up on certain products. Others, who prefer their bread fresh, frequent Arab restaurants or bakeries. The latter do a flourishing business in Jaffa, Jerusalem and Haifa.

On the other hand, matzah is very popular among the Arabs. Many shopkeepers report that while Jews come to buy pita, the Arabs line up to get packages of the subsidized matzah, which they consider a delicacy with jam or margarine.

During the holiday all army installations are kashered, and soldiers in the service are not permitted to receive packages from the post office lest they introduce hametz into the camps.

There are commercial aspects of the holiday as well. Note has been made of shopping sprees for toys and gifts during the days preceding the seder - reward for the "thieves" who succeed in stealing the afikoman. The spirit of these days is referred to as afikomania.

So many families get together for the seder that large numbers of apartments are unoccupied during the evening hours, constituting an enticement for would-be thieves. However, the cautious Israeli can purchase and, in his absence, turn on a seder cassette. A lurking thief will not only see lights, but listening through the keyhole will hear the company singing, accompanied by the clatter of dishes and or tableware, leading him to conclude that the house is filled with people.

Another enterprising merchant is selling precise imitations of loaves of bread (made of plastic) which people can use to "surprise" their guests - or their

host. For that matter, the stores will offer for sale Passover rolls which look like the real thing, but are made with matzah meal and are kosher.

Most Russians have by now learned what a seder is, but the Ethiopians have to adapt to new ground rules. Back in Ethiopia the annual house-cleaning required that the entire home had to be whitewashed afresh. All clay pots had to be broken or sold to non-Jews and new utensils acquired. Diet was also much more limited than here.

Food preference surveys show that gefilte fish has been losing its popularity. In homes where the housewife is 55 or older, it is on 80 per cent of the menus. Where the housewife is under 34, it is on only 36 per cent of the menus.

All El Al flights will be strictly kosher, and even non-Jews travelling the line will have to forego fresh rolls in favor of matzah.

Humor is not lacking, and the story is told annually of the time that Helen Keller came across a piece of matzah. Her fingers ran over the perforated lines again and again, and finally she exclaimed: "Who wrote all this nonsense?"

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## PASSOVER

# Pesach: Fulfilling the mitzvot of the seder

By Danny Narwa

Why is this night different than all other nights? The Abarbanel, in his book *Zevach Pesach* interprets this question in the following way: "Why is this night characterized by so many activities that imply opposing concepts?" During the year there are occasions when we perform acts to recall miracles carried out for our ancestors, and then there are occasions when we perform acts to recall sorrow that befell our people. But on Pesach we do both. We perform some acts that symbolize freedom and others that represent suffering. This is done by the foods we eat and how we eat them.

In order to recall these acts at the seder our sages have obligated us to use special foods in certain quantities, each having its own symbolic significance. Therefore, in preparation for the seder one needs wine, matzah, salt water and the seder plate, which has on it, the karpas (vegetable), two types of maror (bitter herbs), charoseth (apple and nut mixture) and two cooked foods, the zeroa (shank bone) and the beitzah (egg). The salt water should not be put on the seder plate. Each of these items should be prepared before Pesach begins, as not to delay the starting of the seder. This is especially true this year when the first seder is on Shabbat.

The seder plate and all other required foods should be placed in front of the leader of the seder in such a way that the foods which will be used first will be closest to him, so that he will not have to pass over one mitzvah to do another. If the seder plate is not large enough to hold the quantities of food items necessary for all the participants, a separate plate can be used to hold the extra portions.

The first item used at the seder is the wine for Kiddush. Our sages have obligated us to drink four cups of red wine at specified points to recall the four promises of redemption. Each time we drink a cup of wine we must say the appropriate blessing. As a sign of our freedom we are required to recline on our left side when we drink. The recommended amount which one must drink each time to fulfil the mitzvah is a reisiv, which is equivalent to 3.3 ounces. However, when the first seder is on a Friday night, the first cup should contain 4.42 ounces.

Unlike Shabbat or other Yom Tovim when two loaves of bread are required, on Pesach three matzot are required. They should be on top of each other separated by a cloth or napkin. Matzah must be eaten on three occasions during the seder. Each time one must eat a quantity of matzah that when ground up would equal the volume of a kazait, an Israeli olive of ancient times. This would be a piece of matzah approximately four inches by seven inches.

On each occasion when matzah is eaten, one must recline to the left side. Prior to eating the matzah the first time, the leader should lift up the top and bottom matzot and say the two appropriate blessings.

The karpas can be any vegetable other than the one that will be used for maror (i.e. potato or onion). Prior to eating it, it is dipped in salt water and the appropriate blessing is said. When making the blessing, one should keep in mind that the blessing is also going on the maror to be eaten later on in the seder. One should also be careful not to eat more than a kazait of the vegetable, so that a concluding blessing will not have to be said.

The charoseth is a mixture of grated apple and walnuts mixed with red wine and cinnamon. (Some customs include other fruits or spices.) The maror is dipped into the charoseth before eating it. Although there is no specific blessing on the charoseth, we are commanded to use it because it symbolizes the mortar used in Egypt.

There is a custom of using two types of bitter herbs at the seder; one is referred to as maror, usually horseradish, and the other is referred to as chazereth, usually romaine lettuce.

There are two times during the seder when the bitter herbs are eaten: the first time dipped in charoseth and the second time with matzah as a sandwich. It is dependent on family custom whether one uses romaine lettuce or horseradish or both.

If horseradish is used, it should not be cooked or prepared with vinegar as cherein but rather eaten raw and finely grated.

If your family tradition has always been to use romaine lettuce, you should be aware that due to current limitations on the use of pesticides, the lettuce must be very thoroughly checked for insects. Moreover, only the white centre ribs of each leaf should be used as they are easier to clean.

The quantity of bitter herbs that should be eaten each time to fulfil the obligation of the mitzvah of maror has to be a kazait.

In the case of romaine lettuce, there should be enough centre ribs to cover an area three inches by five inches. If pure grated horseradish is used, the required amount can be determined by packing into a container measuring 1.1



Courtesy: Hillel Academy Library

fluid ounces. Prior to eating the bitter herbs for the first time the appropriate blessing should be said.

In Temple times a Pesach sacrifice and a festival sacrifice were offered on the day before Pesach and their roasted meat eaten at the seder. To commemorate these two sacrifices at the seder, we use a roasted shank bone with some meat on it to represent the Pesach sacrifice and a hard-boiled or roasted egg to represent the festival sacrifice. So as not to imply that we are eating the meat of these offerings (which can only be done when the Temple is standing), the meat of the roasted bone or any other roasted meat may not be eaten at the seder. However, the egg may be eaten.

Through fulfilling all the mitzvot of the seder and of Pesach, may we merit the fulfillment of the concluding words of the Haggadah, "May we celebrate next year in Jerusalem".

## KOSHER KORNER

By Tom Caplan

Chair, Ottawa

Vaad Hakashrut

On behalf of the Ottawa Vaad Hakashrut, and on the occasion of my first *Bulletin* article as chair, let me express wishes for a happy and kosher Pesach to all members of the Ottawa Jewish community.

Over the coming months I hope to communicate with you regularly on issues and areas of Kashrut and on the strides we are making in the community.

The holiday of Passover has many names: Chag HaPesach, Chag HaAviv and Chag HaMatzot. Our thoughts turn to our past and our present, the exodus of the Jews from Egypt and the renewal of our people.

Just as spring is a season of renewal so is Pesach and all that it stands for - a holiday of renewal for the Jewish people.

The name Chag HaMatzot reminds us of the mitzvah of eating matzot at the seder and of the fact that during the exodus from Egypt the Jews did not linger so as to allow the bread to rise. Hence they ate matzot.

But the name Chag HaMatzot also reminds us of all the special dietary requirements of the holiday. There are laws

regarding what foods you can consume and which you cannot. There are requirements concerning wine and other alcoholic beverages; drugs and pharmaceuticals; and the koshering of kitchen items. For a complete understanding of all the appropriate halachot it is important to be in touch with your rabbi and your synagogue. They can be very helpful in all these matters and I urge you to consult them.

We are very fortunate in Ottawa to have available all of the products necessary for Pesach. All of your needs can be met at the businesses under the Vaad Hakashrut supervision, including United Kosher, Yiddische Mamma's,

Rideau Bakery, Westboro Fishery and the local caterers. In addition, a wide variety of products are available at the various chain stores in the city. Wine is available at the LCBO (see article this page) and shmura matzot are available through For All Occasions Judaica.

If you have any suggestions, questions and concerns on kashrut, you can write to me c/o the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin, 151 Chapel Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1N 7Y2.

## LCBO Passover memorandum: kosher wines, spirits and liqueurs

The LCBO is offering more than 25 special products, in addition to its regularly available Kosher listings, in time for Passover.

Included in the selection, available at selected LCBO stores, are red, white and rosé table wines from Israel, France, Italy, California and New York State. There are also liqueurs, vodka, a grape brandy and a sparkling wine. Prices for these products range from \$5.95 to \$16.85 for wines; \$9.95 to \$19.50 for spirits.

In addition, LCBO Vintages stores and Vintages sections in regular LCBO stores are offering five new premium Kosher-for-Passover wines from Israel and California.

"These special Kosher-for-Passover products are part of a larger program designed to meet the interests of specific communities and ethnic groups," explains Anne Hartley, director, Product Management. "To serve these special markets, and offer the widest possible product

selection, the LCBO buys thousands of products from suppliers in more than 70 different countries."

For more information on LCBO products and services, including the Kosher-for-Passover offerings, call the toll-free LCBO infoline at 1-800-ONT-LCBO (668-5226).

Kosher-for-Passover products are available at the following LCBO Ottawa-area stores:

- 1980 Bank Street;
- 640 Bank Street;
- 1385 Carling Avenue, Hampton Park Plaza;
- 22 Isabella Street;
- 1910 St. Laurent Boulevard, Elmvalle Centre;
- 1379 Woodroffe Avenue, Shopper City Mall;
- 3777 Strandherd Road, Barrhaven Town Centre.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Ethiopian Jews stop eating bread three days before the start of Passover and consume nothing but dried peas and beans...
- Iranian Jews pour water from a jar into a bowl 10 times while reciting the 10 plagues and discard the "tainted" water far away from home...
- During the seder story of the flight from Egypt, some Sephardim

move the table and, staffs in hand, act out the flight themselves...

• The Jews of the Caucasus sit on the ground during the seder with a spear and sometimes a pistol, to indicate they are ready for the Exodus...

• Moroccan Jews recite prayers at a stream on the last day of Pesach to commemorate the parting of the Red Sea. (SOURCE: Jerusalem Report)

## PASSOVER

## A perfect ending to your seder meal

My second column for Passover is traditionally a dessert one. I always like to try a new cake for the seders, and these two are wonderful. I usually make one main dessert, as it's rich and everyone just has a taste, as well as a large fruit salad. That makes a perfect ending to the meal.

## Chocolate, Walnut and Prune Fudge Torte

## Torte

Unsweetened cocoa powder

1 1/2 cups diced pitted prunes (8 oz)

1 cup prune juice

1 cup unsalted butter or margarine

8 oz bittersweet or semi-sweet chocolate, chopped

3/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder

1 cup coarsely chopped toasted walnuts

8 large eggs, room temperature

2 large egg yolks

1 3/4 cups sugar

Pinch salt

## Glaze

1 cup prune juice

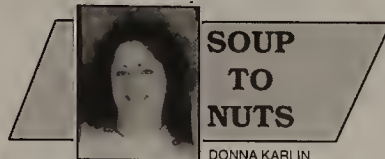
1/4 cup unsalted butter or margarine

10 oz bittersweet or semi-sweet chocolate, chopped

24 walnut halves for garnish

**For cake:** Position rack in centre of oven and pre-heat oven to 350°. Butter a 9" springform pan and dust with cocoa powder. Tap out excess. Wrap outside of pan with foil.

Place prunes in small bowl. Pour 1 cup prune juice over. Set aside for 15 minutes while continuing with cake. Melt margarine in heavy bottomed pot, over low heat. Add chocolate and whisk until smooth and melted. Remove from heat. Add 3/4 cup cocoa powder and whisk until smooth. Mix in walnuts and prune mixture. Cool to lukewarm. Using electric mixer, beat eggs, yolks, sugar and salt in large mixer bowl at medium speed until well blended and just starting to foam, about 1 minute. Add chocolate mixture and stir until well blended. Transfer batter to prepared springform. Set springform into a large baking pan. Pour enough water



## SOUP TO NUTS

DONNA KARLIN

around the springform to come halfway up sides of pan. Set baking pan in oven and bake until top looks dry and crusty and tester inserted in the centre comes out with some moist crumbs adhering to it, about 65 minutes. Cool cake in pan on rack for 30 minutes. Chill overnight.

**For glaze:** Bring juice and margarine to a boil in a medium-sized saucepan over medium heat. Add chocolate and whisk until smooth. Cool until thick, but still pourable, stirring occasionally, about 45 minutes. Line baking sheet with foil. Dip walnuts halfway into glaze and set on foil-lined sheet in refrigerator to set. Meanwhile, run sharp knife around edge of cake

to loosen. Release pan sides. Set cake on rack over cookie sheet with sides. Pour glaze over cake and cover completely. Arrange walnuts around edge of top of cake. Chill until glaze sets completely, at least 3 hours. Can be prepared at least 3 days ahead. Cover loosely with foil or cake dome and keep refrigerated. Serves 12-16. Cut in small pieces, as it's very rich.

## Passover Lemon Mousse

## Crust:

1 3/4 cups almond macaroons, crumbled; reserve some for top of mousse



## Filling:

6 eggs, separated

1 1/2 cups sugar, divided

1/2 cup plus 2 tbsp lemon juice

2 tbsp grated lemon rind

Pinch of salt

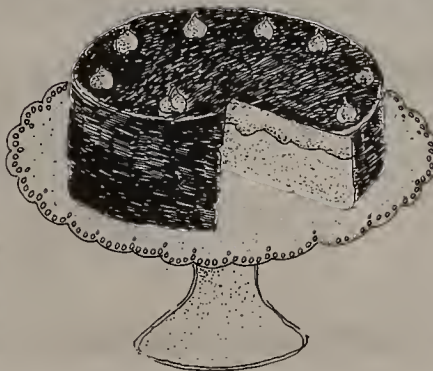
**For the crust:** Grease a 10" springform pan with butter or margarine. Press crumbs into bottom of pan.

**For the filling:** Whisk the egg yolks, then add 1 1/4 cups sugar, lemon juice and rind. Place in a heavy bottomed non-aluminium saucepan, stirring over medium heat. Continue stirring for about 4 minutes or until mixture starts to thicken. Do not boil.

When mixture is as thick as pudding, remove from heat, pour into bowl and cover with plastic wrap. Pierce the wrap so that some steam can escape. Chill for at least an hour.

In bowl of electric mixer with clean beaters, beat the egg whites and salt until soft peaks form. Gradually add remaining 1/4 cup sugar and beat until stiff but not dry. Fold 1/4 of the whites into the yolk mixture to lighten, then fold in the rest of the whites, gently. Pour into prepared pan. Sprinkle with reserved crumbs. Cover and freeze for at least 2-3 hours.

It can stay in the freezer several days before serving. Remove from freezer and place in fridge about an hour before serving.



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Yom Ha'Atzmaut May 3

## Israel's 47th Anniversary celebrated

By Diane Koven

The Jewish Community Centre and the Israel Program Centre are busily planning this year's Yom Ha'Atzmaut festivities to mark the celebration of Israel's 47th year of independence. Mark Wednesday, May 3 on your calendars for the event which will, once again, be held at 151 Chapel Street, starting at 6:45 p.m.

Rhona Levine, tireless volunteer in the Jewish community, has undertaken the chairmanship of this year's event and will be assisted by a very able committee consisting of Evan Zelikovitz who worked on last year's committee; Stacia Benovitch and Jason Ruby from the Jewish Students Union; Yigal Birkhan; Rabbi Ely Braun of Congregation Beth Shalom; Rachel Moran, shlichah, from the Israel Program Centre and Diane Koven of

the J.C.C.

The evening will begin with a solemn Yom Hazikaron ceremony in memory of those who have fallen to give Israel its freedom and independence. Following this, as has become our Ottawa tradition, the mood will be broken with the sound of the shofar and the community will begin to celebrate.

The featured entertainer for the evening will be Shelly Ovdatt who was born and raised in Jerusalem and has been thrilling Toronto audiences with her music for the past two years. Shelly began her career as a singer and actor with the Entertainment Corps of the Israeli army. She represented Israel at the International Song Festival in Chile and performed in other festivals around the world. The Israeli Ministry of Tourism has engaged her to entertain at international conferences in

Israel.

Shelly has recorded several albums of Israeli songs, including "Songs of Jerusalem" and a special children's album. She has extensive experience in audience participation programs and is bound to have our Ottawa audience dancing in the aisles.

Jack Smith will be providing food from 5:00 p.m. so that people can come directly from home or work and not have to worry about rushing through a quick meal before setting out for the evening. He will have something for everyone and a wide variety of Israeli favourites as well as the usual Canadian treats.

Once again, a decision has been made not to charge admission for the Yom Ha'Atzmaut program. It is the policy of the Jewish Community Centre and the Israel

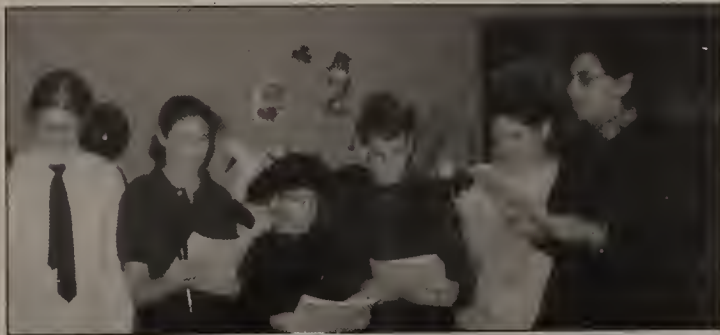


Shelly Ovdatt

Program Centre to make this an all-inclusive celebration, open to every member of our Jewish community. In order to make this possible, donations of \$47.00 (representing one dollar for each year of Israel's independence) are being



solicited from all members of our community who would like to help. If you have not received a letter requesting a donation, please call Diane at 789-1818 so that your name may be included in the program to be distributed on May 3.



Star of David students, under direction of Bonnie Lyman (right), present Purimshpiel for seniors.

## Project Keshar connects with seniors to celebrate Purim

By Estelle Melzer

Purim is usually celebrated as a holiday for the very young, but in Ottawa this year, our youth, together with many other volunteers, reached out to Jewish seniors in non-Jewish nursing homes in a truly wonderful celebration of the Purim spirit.

The JCC's Project Keshar, with the help of dedicated Adopt-a-Friend volunteers, coordinated a community-wide effort which covered the city - visiting seniors, putting on programs, sending mishloach manot and bringing laughter and cheer to 15 nursing homes and residences.

As well, deliveries of mishloach manot, baked and donated by Beth Shalom and Machzikei Hadas, were made to each of the 90 Jewish residents living in non-Jewish facilities.

The Purim entertainments at the various homes were truly a community effort. BBYO youth told the story of Purim using giant masks made by Aikvah High School students. Ottawa Torah Institute students Ari Brodsky and Avi Finegold played and sang Jewish music - and the residents "shepped naches" to hear the traditional Jewish songs they had grown up with being cherished by a new generation.

The Beth Shalom West children's choir, led by Cantor Ben Lolo and accompanied by Shirley Schildkraut, delighted residents with their Purim repertoire.

Star of David students presented a Purimshpiel and gave out mishloach manot which they had baked themselves. Each resident also got a crown to wear, made by the young-

sters of Star of David School.

Henry Pass played the piano and delighted residents with his selection of Golden Oldies. Harry Beck from Beth Shalom Synagogue sang Purim songs. Shriners clowns volunteered their time at a number of residences and delighted everyone with their antics.

Project Keshar extended Purim this year into a one week holiday - but it was in a good cause. Everywhere volunteers went, they spread laughter and good cheer.

Project Keshar Coordinator Rhoda Prager and JCC Seniors Coordinator Andrea Morton wish to thank the many volunteers who made this season so special for Jewish seniors. If you would like to get involved, please call the JCC at 789-1818.

## Drop-In Diner has a new cooking 'team'

By Diane Koven

Oleg & Oleg are "cooking with gas" at the JCC's Drop-in Diner on Tuesdays. If you haven't been there lately, hurry on down and taste for yourself what everyone is talking about. We have new, improved menus (with many "light" versions) and a cooking "team" beyond compare!

Oleg and Oleg, the Diner's cooks, are recent immigrants from Russia who honed their skills on a cruise ship and who truly aim to please. Their soups have already become legendary and, due to popular demand, take-out service is available.

Rounding out the team is the JCC's new Food Service Coordinator, Barbara Breslow, who supervises the kitchen preparation and greets the diners.

Speakers and entertainment will add another dimension to your dining pleasure on a semi-regular basis. The 2+2 Sax Quartet has performed several times and lawyer Russell Kaplan will be speaking on April 11 about the new *Substitute Decisions Act*. Ideas and suggestions for future programs are always welcome.

Barbara, who has taught a JCC mah jongg course, will be holding after-lunch mah jongg games on Tuesday afternoons. Anyone who would like to participate is asked to call Barbara at 789-1818 to enable her to make up tables.

Gift certificates are now available at the Diner as well. If you know of someone, relative or friend, who would enjoy a delicious, kosher, four-course meal and you would like to treat them, why not purchase a gift certificate?

We are happy to accommodate luncheon groups and meetings. If you have special requirements, just give Barbara a call at 789-1818.

All in all, there's a lot more to the Drop-in-Diner now than just food, but the bottom line remains that the food is great!

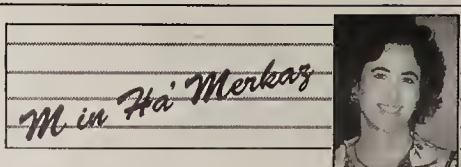
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## From the Centre

By Carol Kassie  
President, Jewish Community Centre of Ottawa

### The JCC and Jewish Identity

Recent data from a 1990 American document called the National Jewish Population Study (NJPS) provides strong and convincing evidence that involvement in a JCC is clearly associated with an enhanced Jewish identity.

With a few notable exceptions (i.e. intermarriage, single parent family status, and senior adults) the members and non-member users of JCCs are not demographically different from the rest of the Jewish community. However, on every measure of Jewish identity, there is a clear relationship between JCC involvement and Jewish involvement. The JCC member is more actively Jewish than the JCC non-member user who in turn is more actively Jewish than the people who have no involvement in their JCC.

On the other hand, the JCC member is more opposed to his/her child marrying a non-Jew than is the JCC non-member user who is more opposed than the people without any JCC involvement.

The data from the NJPS shows that 25% of the American Jewish community are involved in their local JCC either as members or as non-member users. Despite our physical plant and location, our numbers are not far off from this.

Within its mission of serving the entire Jewish community, our JCC strives to provide services and programs for every aspect of our population. Even though our facility and location are not ideal, our programming (as I have often stated) is 'state-of-the-art'.

Please join us at the JCC - for now, and for the future.

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The Israel Singers celebrate their 18th year.

## Cafe Sabra a resounding success

By Diane Koven

An overflow crowd of enthusiastic music lovers were thrilled by the sounds of the Israel Singers at their Cafe Sabra on March 18 at Agudath Israel synagogue. The popularity of this group of talented singers was proven once again by

the huge, diverse audience consisting of young and old from far and wide who eagerly lined up to purchase tickets.

Also on this year's program were the Classic Klez Trio and the 2 + 2 Sax Quartet. This variety added another dimension to a most

enjoyable musical evening.

Shirley Steinberg, director of the Israel Singers and driving force behind the organizational "team" who made Cafe Sabra possible, should be commended for her untiring efforts to bring quality entertainment to our community.

## Jewish activity thriving in Kanata

By Colette Grodinsky

March 17 was the Kanata Jewish Community Association's second Shabbat community dinner and, as Friday was Sushan Purim, Purim was also celebrated that night. Children were dressed for the occasion. Once again, Diane Koven, our JCC representative, joined us for the evening.

Just before starting, it was my great pleasure to introduce to the group Professor Jerry Cammy, Director of the Ottawa Modern Jewish School. Some of our Kanata neighbours had expressed an interest in some form of Jewish education for this area. That is how I came to invite Professor Cammy to our celebration. His talk was dynamic and informative and people interested in the subject were able to talk with Professor Cammy during and after dinner.

We then proceeded with the blessing of the candles by Jodi Kathron. Dr. Saul Silverman gave a little talk about Purim, recited the kiddush over the wine and blessed the challah.

We were now all ready for delicious dairy and vegetarian dishes followed by dessert and coffee. Many thanks to all those volunteers



Organizers of Kanata Shabbat Dinner (from left to right): Benita Baker, Colette Grodinsky, Diane Shore.

that made the evening such a success.

We will next meet on May 5 at the Glen Cairn Community Centre located at 186 Morrena Road at 6:30 pm. Setup will be at 5:30 pm and help will be needed.

Now for some other news. I am planning a picnic/BBQ for June 11, 1995 at the Whalen Park from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. I will also prepare a list of parks where we can meet this summer every week with our children.

As I was writing this article, Mrs. Leane Freedman telephoned. She informed me that she will be in a

play, a British farce called *It Runs in the Family*, performed as a fundraiser. Refreshments and cake are to be served afterwards. If you are interested, we can do that outing as a group and obtain a discount. Tickets are \$10.00 or \$8.00 if we are more than 10 people. This theatre performance is not just for us in Kanata. If you are interested please join us for an evening of fun. If you have any questions or suggestions, please call me at 591-1494.

If you or someone you know would like to be added to the mailing list for Kanata events, please call Diane at the JCC at 789-1818.

## Joyous passover

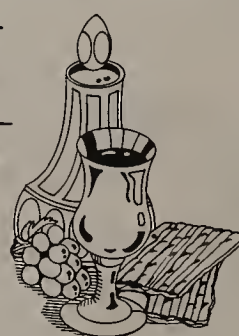
Jack Smith will once again be serving lunch at the Jewish Community Centre during chol hamoad Pesach.

Don't settle for a piece of matza and a boiled egg when you can dine graciously and enjoy...

A FULL HOT AND COLD MEAT LUNCH  
(as only Jack can provide!)

WHEN:	April 17, 18, 19 and 20
WHERE:	Social Hall, 151 Chapel Street
TIME:	12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m.
COST:	\$13.00

So get out of the kitchen, get out of the office, and come on down to the JCC for a mid-Pesach treat!



# Round the Centre

## PORTRAIT OF AN ARTIST

Featuring members of the Jewish Artists' Guild  
By Estelle Melzer



### LILY TOBIN

Lily Tobin is a mixed media artist. Her first love is painting but she also works and experiments in many different kinds of media. She enjoys making dolls, working with all kinds of materials, and using techniques such as smocking, applique, quilting, and macrame. She has taken courses in life drawing at the Saidye Bronfman Centre, and classes in sculpture and teaching art to children at the Musee des Beaux Arts, Montreal. She is mostly self-taught in her painting and craftwork.

Lily has recently returned from living in Israel for two years. While there, she painted extensively, mostly in watercolour, influenced by the sun, the colours, the flowers. She participated in the *Jerusalem Post's* "Forsake Me Not Fund" Show.

She also exhibited her dolls and craftwork at two shows in Jerusalem.

Her paintings were exhibited at a show at the Saidye Bronfman Centre and she participated in the Jewish Artists' Guild exhibit at Arts Alive '94.

Lily also enjoys passing on her love of art and craftwork to others. For two summers, she taught arts and crafts to seniors at Camp B'nai Brith.

As well, she is kept busy producing creative gifts for her three children, who are married and living in Israel, and her eight grandchildren, including a grandson in the Israeli army.

## Singles Purim Encounter a night to remember

Over 45 singles attended the OJS Purim Encounter on March 11 - and had a Purim experience to remember.

The event took place in the home of Dr. David Makow, a architecturally unique multi-level residence, decorated with the works of art of the host, an internationally-known artist and scientist.

As people arrived, they mingled around the ice-cream sundae bar, and were urged to get creative with the well-stocked ingredients and toppings for the ultimate indulgence. For those counting calories, even on Purim, there were some 'fat free' choices.

Guests also got into the Purim spirit by sampling the wide choices of liqueurs and wines.

With the Purim ambience established and inhibitions put aside, everyone was ready to participate in an unusual workshop entitled "Free Your Creative Spirit," led by Estee Barica, executive director of the Ottawa International Jazz Festival.

Participants were divided into groups of 'poets' and 'painters' and asked to discover the talents within themselves they never knew they

had. The grand finale of the workshop was an emphatic poetry reading and painting frenzy, all done to the sounds of jazz music. It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience for most!

Then the floor was quickly cleared for dancing, a lively conclusion to a spirited and imaginative Purim Encounter.

Some exciting singles events are planned for Spring, '95. On April 19, singles will attend the hilarious play, *Wedding Bell Hell*, at the National Arts Centre.

Then, on the weekend of May 20-22, the major singles event of the year will take place, Ottawa's Inter-City Singles Weekend. Response from other Canadian and American cities has already been strong. For more information about this not-to-be-missed weekend, please see the ad in this issue of Centrefold. If you register and pay by May 1, you can take advantage of the 'Early Tulip Special' of \$58.00 for the entire weekend of events. For more information about singles activities please call JCC co-ordinator Esther Shvan at 596-1076.

## Come out to The Golden Age Club

Every Monday, the Golden Age Club meets at the Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel St. We have hot luncheons, interesting programs and friendly members.

### April 10

1:00 p.m.

Cecilia McDougall from the Good Companions on Walk of Ages

### April 17

No meeting. Passover

### April 24

1:00 p.m.

Meeting - Arm Chair Travel

### May 1

12:00 p.m.

Hillel Luncheon

### May 8

12:30 p.m.

Bingo Luncheon

## ADULTS FOR LIVELY LEASURE

A luncheon Lecture Program at Adugath Israel Synagogue  
1400 Coldrey Avenue

All programs take place at 12:00 pm.

### May 18

A.L.L. will host the Syracuse Temple Adath Seniors group. Musical entertainment

A.L.L. is jointly sponsored by the Jewish Community Centre and Jewish Family Services. The program is co-ordinated by volunteers Minnie Milson and Bess Rosenberg. For more information, please call the JCC at 789-1818.

## Come on down to: The Drop-in Diner

every Tuesday  
from 12:00 to 1:30 pm  
at the JCC,  
151 Chapel St.

For a hearty kosher meal including soup, salad, entree, dessert and drink - and a very friendly atmosphere.

Only \$6.00  
for a complete meal.

There will be no Drop-in Diner April 18. Instead, Jack Smith will be providing Pesach lunches.

## LAST CHANCE! CALL NOW!

The Jewish Community Centre  
invites you to a theatre trip  
to Montreal to enjoy

Snapshot Productions & the Saidye Bronfman Centre for the Arts  
Present the World Premiere of the Newest Mega-Musical

If you liked *les Miserables*, you will love

# JOAN OF ARC



Witch to her enemies, saint to her followers; mystic, heretic, teenage savior of France, Joan of Arc remains one of the most extraordinary, mysterious heroines throughout history. Now an epic mega-musical, this drama by Vincent de Tournonnet and Peter Sipos follows the journey of Joan of Arc from her victorious beginnings through to her tragic death.

Book & Lyrics by  
VINCENT DE TOURNONNET

Musie by  
PETER SIPOS

Executive Producer  
ALLAN SANDER

APRIL 25TH - MAY 27TH

Tickets are going very fast for this limited run!

SUNDAY, MAY 7  
Matinee Performance

COST: \$50.00

Included: Round-trip coach, choice seats

Tour will also include dinner (price not included)  
at a Kosher restaurant

To register, call the JCC at 789-1818

## A MATCH MADE IN OTTAWA

The Jewish Inter-City Singles Weekend  
in celebration of Ottawa's Tulip Festival  
May 20th - 22nd, 1995

This special event brings together Jewish Singles from Montreal, Toronto, Kingston, Hamilton, Syracuse, Rochester, New York... and Ottawa.

### Highlights

Saturday, May 20th, 9:30 p.m.

Elegant opening cocktail reception,  
The Fountain Room, the National Arts Centre  
Entertainment by Yuk Yuk's Lawrence Morgenstern  
Early Tulip \$20 At the door \$23

Sunday, May 21st,

choice of:

Private Guided Walking Tour of the tulip displays and  
Dow's Lake, 2:00 p.m., rain or shine, Early Tulip \$6

or  
Private Guided Tour of the highlights of the permanent  
collection at the National Gallery of Canada, 2:30 p.m.,  
Early Tulip only \$6

or  
Easy Hike in the beautiful Gatineau Hills,  
light lunch, carpool 1:00 p.m., weather permitting, \$6

Sunday, May 21st, 8:30 p.m.

Groom and Bloom Dance  
to the sound of 'Europa' live  
at the Chateau Cartier Sheraton in  
Aylmer

Scenic bus ride leaves  
the Ramada, 111 Cooper Street at  
8:15 p.m. sharp,  
and back from Aylmer to the  
Ramada at 1:00 a.m.  
Early Tulip \$25 At the door \$30  
Cash bar

Monday, May 22nd, 2:30 p.m.

Farewell Sing Along to songs of the 50s and 60s with AVE.  
The Piano Bar, Friday's, 150 Elgin Street, coffee served  
Early Tulip \$7 At the door \$9

For more information call Esther at (613) 596-1076





# Gettin' Physical

## JCC Ski School has fun winter

By Jon Braun

Director of Youth Athletics

The JCC Ski School just completed another fun-filled winter on the slopes at Edelweiss Valley. Eighty kids, ages five to 16, spent their Sundays cruising down the slopes with their best buddies.

Every Sunday, there was noticeable improvement in skills during the eight-week program.

Kids who had never skied before participated in the annual JCC race held on the last day of the program and tore up the course. Congratulations to everyone who was part of this year's JCC Ski School.

What a great way to spend time with your buddies, make new friends and participate in the pure joy of downhill skiing. See you next year at the JCC Ski School.

### Ski Race Results

#### Pee Wees (5 & 6)

1. Danielle Fainer
2. Rachael Cogan
3. Sarah Kreisman

#### Boys 7, 8, 9

1. Michael Taub
2. Jacob Posen
3. Jordan Goldfarb

#### Girls 7, 8, 9

1. Zahava Poriah
2. Ilyse Darwish
3. Emily Blitstein

#### Boys 10, 11, 12

1. Aaron Krannich
2. Shanon Gordon
3. Louis Kardash

#### Girls 10, 11, 12

1. Elana Garmaise
2. Leora Kimmel
3. Stephanie Yumansky

#### Boys 13 and up

1. Christian Faubrujon
2. Jason Smith
3. Brian Noy

#### Girls 13, 14, 15

1. Alice Goldman
2. Dana Rose
3. Amy Siggner



## Ladies Softball League now setting up teams

If you are interested in making some new friends, working up a (delicate) sweat and enjoying that favorite summertime sport, baseball, you should sign up immediately in the JCC Ladies' Softball League. You must be at least sixteen but it is not necessary to be a world class player.

The focus of participants in this league is to get some exercise and have a whole lot of fun. The

bleachers are traditionally filled up with family and friends cheering on their favorite heroes, and a friendly community atmosphere prevails.

If you want to get in on the action and hook up with a team in the JCC Ladies' Softball League this summer, fill out the form below and send it in as soon as possible. For more information call Jon Braun at 789-1818.

### JCC Ladies Softball League

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: Jon Braun, JCC, 151 Chapel Street, K1N 7Y2

## JCC Maccabi Ottawa Basketball Camp

August 21 - 25

For boys and girls ages 11 to 15  
at the Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street

#### Instructors include:

- Rod Lee, Coach, University of Ottawa
- Brian Lee, Captain, St. Francis Xavier University (Head Coach Maccabi Ottawa)
- Brad Campbell, University of Western Ontario
- Steve Anderson, Simon Fraser University
- Jon Addy, University of Ottawa

- All fundamentals will be worked on in progression
- Individual defence, individual offence
- Shooting fundamentals - shooting the jumpshot
- Passing and receiving
- Open court work
- Dribbling

Practices will be video taped  
Daily awards for individual and team achievements  
Mini dunk, 3 point and hot shot competitions  
Daily swim and last day barbecue  
All players receive T-shirts

A personal Player Profile Report Card is kept on each player during the week and given out at the end of the session.

It will note strengths and weaknesses and offer suggestions for future improvement.  
Cost: \$175.00



For more information and to register, contact Camp Director Jon Braun at 789-1818.

A program of the Jewish Community Centre



## Jewish Men's Basketball League Week 18 Standings

Team	Wins	Losses	Points	Team Scoring
Green	12	4	40	80.3
White	11	7	40	88.8
Black	10	8	38	79.1
Red	9	9	36	70.5
Blue	8	10	34	92.2
Orange	4	14	26	90.3

### Top Scorers

Player	Team	Avg	GP
Mark Cantor	Green	24.9	17
Jeff Pleet	Black	24.3	18
Brian McKinnon	Blue	23.6	12
Mich Novak	Black	23.2	17
Gord Betcherman	Red	21.2	16
Ian Shabinsky	White	20.9	17
Bill Holzman	Orange	20.2	9
Dave Feldberg	Green	19.9	17
Donnie Osborne	White	17.4	10
Jerry Ostroff	Red	16.9	13

## JCC Sports Camp



### Canoe image a better summer!

Sports include: swimming instruction, soccer, basketball, football, gymnastics, racquetball, lacrosse, tennis, canoeing, water-skiing, mini-golf, bowling, fencing, horseback riding, windsurfing, Expos, Lynx, Roughrider Games.

Spaces limited.

For more information contact Jon Braun - 789-1818.

## J.C.C. Maccabi Ottawa Volleyball Camp

August 21 - 25

For boys and girls ages 11 to 15  
at the Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street

- All fundamentals will be worked on
- Daily awards
- All players receive T-shirts

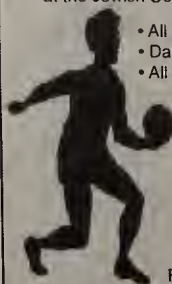
#### Camp Instructors:

- Brian McKinnon (Boys Volleyball Coach, Maccabi Ottawa Youth Team)
- Karen Patton (Girls Volleyball Coach, Maccabi Ottawa Youth Team)

For more information and to register, contact Jon Braun at 789-1818.

A program

of the Jewish Community Centre of Ottawa



### MEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Those interested in getting on a team for the coming season, please contact Jon at 789-1818.

# Come celebrate!



Yom

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Ha'Atzmaut

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**Israel – 47 Years of Independence**

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Wednesday, May 3, 6:45 pm

at 151 Chapel Street

featuring Israeli Singer

*Shelly Ordal*

*שלly אורדל*

plus

- Memorial Service
- Flag Procession by the JCC 39th Cub Pack
- Hillel Academy Choir
- Youth Poster Display • Fun for All Ages



**Israeli Food available from 5:00 pm**

Let's join together to sing, dance and celebrate!

**ADMISSION FREE**

A program of the Jewish Community Centre  
and the Israel Program Office



# Just Kiddin' Around



## Partici-PACK-tion

The 39th Henry "Hank" Torontow  
Beaver Colony, Cub Pack & Scout Troop



### Scouts' report

Winter couldn't stop the 39th Scouts. During January and February we practised our winter scouting skills through an active outdoor program. After studying cold weather safety, we went on a snowshoe hike with a local naturalist to perfect our snowshoeing techniques and learn about the winter habitat of local wildlife. The highlights of the day were encountering a porcupine and sampling hot teas made from local plants.

Also in February we held a winter campout at the "Y" outdoor activity facility in Dunrobin. Luckily we chose one of the really wintry weekends of the season. An 8 km hike kept

us warm and the superb cooking (all outdoors on a campstove!) of Stephen Wollock gave us the extra fuel we needed. While most of us slept in cabins, three Scouts endured a minus 20 Celsius night snug in a tent. Bravo to Jeremy Aranoff, David Mader and Sean Michaels for showing real scout spirit and for being well-prepared.

To help the wider community, Scouts and adults from the 39th lent a hand at Winterlude, cruising the Canal to help skaters in distress and operating a lost and found booth. Everyone reports that it was a fun way to do a good turn.

Now that Spring is here, we will be spending more time outside on the trails. Also on our agenda is a

return visit by Scouter Don Fougere, who will again be showing us how to build and launch model rockets.

We welcome new Scouts anytime, but Spring is a great time to get involved.

### Cubs' report

What a winter it has been! It culminated at our Winter Camp which took place on February 25-26 at the Y Outdoor Centre along the Ottawa River in Dunrobin. Despite -25 Celsius temperatures, our spirits were burning hot. Campfires, stargazing, outdoor dining, hiking on the ice of the river, all added up to a fine outdoor weekend.

Congratulations to Gideon Greenbaum-Shinder, Aaron Herzog, Robin Michaels and Avi Shack who earned their winter cubbing and woodman badges.

Spring is shaping up to be an exciting season also. On March 6, we went skating on the outdoor Centrepointe rink, and after March Break we had interesting activities such as learning theatre skills during our regular meetings, as well as some great special programs. On April 2 we will help make pancakes and maple syrup at the Log Farm. The next day we meet at the National Library for a special tour of its rare collection of Haggadah.

Then, on April 10 we will celebrate Pesach with our older friends at Hillel Lodge and after Pesach we will blast off for a three week program on rocket building.

We are always ready to welcome new members into our pack. For more information call the JCC at 789-1818.

### SUMMERTIME FOR TWOS at the Early Beginnings Multicultural Child Development Centre 831 Broadview

This program is designed specifically for this age group. It is carefully planned to promote good self esteem, provide stimulating learning experiences through working with different materials and promote some social skills.

Two 4-week sessions available  
Time: 9:15 - 11:15 a.m.

Session I: July 4 - 28  
Session II: July 31 - August 25

M W F \$129  
T T H \$86

To register or for more information call 722-5157

Please Note: Registration deadline MAY 12

This program will only run if there is sufficient registration.



JCC Day Care celebrates Purim

## Purim at JCC Day Care

By Ann-Lynn Rapoport  
Senior Staff, JCC Day Care

The children at the JCC's Early Beginnings Day Care enjoyed a wonderful Purim. Toddlers, juniors, and senior preschoolers made beautiful Purim crafts, such as crowns, graggers and masks. They watched Purim videos and noshed hamentashen and the excitement grew daily.

On Purim, they paraded around the Centre in fabulous costumes and played games such as Pin the Hat on Haman.

Senior preschoolers baked hamentashen which became part of the mishloach manot baskets they exchanged with Hillel Lodge seniors.

A fun time was had by all.

The JCC's Early Beginnings Multicultural Childhood Development Centre is a quality, licensed day care for children aged 18 months to five years. It is a kosher facility with a warm, caring atmosphere and a special sensitivity to the cultural background of all its children. For more information about the Centre call 722-5157.

## WHAT'S BLOOMING THIS SPRING . . .

JCC's Preschool Activities  
at 881 Broadview  
For children 3 - 5 years old

### Garinim

A structured setting featuring Arts & Crafts, Storytime, Games, Songs and Indoor & Outdoor free play. A kosher snack will be served.

Date: Monday to Friday (runs the entire school year).

Time: Monday to Thursday, 12:00 - 3:45 p.m.  
Fridays, 11:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Cost: \$275.00 (5 weeks)

Instructors: Gele Greenberg & Hanita Moses

### Adventures in Storyland

Each week a different story provides the theme for arts & crafts and circle fun.

Date: Mondays, starting April 24  
(no classes on May 22 & June 5)

Time: 12:15 - 1:45 p.m. & 1:45 - 3:15 p.m.

Cost: \$72.00 (8 classes)

\* Plus \$32.00 for extended care

Instructor: Gail Lief

### Weird Science

Hands on experiments and activities that promote learning and foster the desire to discover.

Date: Tuesdays, starting April 25

Time: 12:15 - 1:45 p.m. & 1:45 - 3:15 p.m.

Cost: \$90.00 (10 classes)

\* Plus \$40.00 for extended care

Instructor: Gail Lief

### Crafty Kids

A fun-filled arts and crafts program that's sure to get little hands messy.

Date: Wednesdays, starting April 26

Time: 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. & 1:15 - 2:15 p.m.

Cost: \$72.00 (9 classes)

\* Plus \$36.00 for extended care

Instructor: Gail Lief

### Mini Maestro

The focus is on music through songs, dances, instruments and art.

Date: Thursdays, starting April 27

Time: 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. & 1:15 - 2:15 p.m.

Cost: \$72.00 (9 classes)

\* Plus \$36.00 for extended care

Instructor: Gail Lief

### Kitchen Kinder

Children will make kosher concoctions.

Date: Fridays, starting April 28

Time: 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. & 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Cost: \$90.00 (9 classes)

\* Plus \$36.00 for extended care

Instructor: Gail Lief

### \*Extended Care:

Children will come to Garinim on the day of their program. They will be escorted to their program when it begins and return to Garinim afterwards. A kosher snack will be served.

Registration is now under way. Spaces are limited and are on a first come, first served basis.

For information or to register your child, please call Gale at 722-9235.



## SUNDAY SURPRISE For kids 8 and older

at 881 Broadview

1:00 to 3:00 pm

\$8.00 per workshop

April 30: Fabric painting with Shelly Amor.  
(Bring your own T-shirt/sweatshirt)

May 7: Mother's Day gift-making workshop  
with Avelae Prehogan

June 11: Father's Day gift-making workshop  
with Avelae Prehogan

Pre-registration is essential. Registration deadline is one week before the workshop. Registration after deadline only if space permits.



To register call Gale at 722-9235

A program of the Jewish Community Centre



## Don't have Partyzurus in your house!

Use our Party Service  
Birthday Parties for Kids aged 4 - 11  
on Sundays at 881 Broadview  
OR at your own home

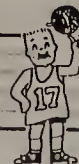
You pick the theme and we will do the rest.  
Cost: \$190.00 (for 20 children)  
\$3.00 for each additional child

All it takes is a phone call!

Call Gale at 722-9235 to plan your party.  
Book early to avoid disappointment!



# Camp Corner



## An Open Letter to the Community

From Gerry Cammy,  
JCC Day Camp Director

A few weeks ago, the principals of all the Jewish schools in Ottawa met and formed a new Board of Jewish Education. A part of the *raison d'être* for the board is Jewish continuity.

This leads me to ask you to switch your thinking to the coming camp season. We all know that there is a plethora of day camps around the Ottawa area and each, in its own manner, has something to offer your child. Some may have very trendy features and others flashy new programs.

My love of camp goes back for over 30 years and, indeed, it is a labour of love. One thing is quite clear. Camp is, especially today, an extension of your child's education and goes a long way to building confidence and self-esteem.

JCC Day Camp is the ideal place to build Jewish continuity. A Jewish atmosphere permeates the camp. At each level, there are theme days, Oneg Shabbats, songs, activities and most vital of all, a warm, *haimeshe* atmosphere, which makes every camper feel part of an extended family.

Last year our camp evaluations were excellent. One of the comments most often made was to commend the *ruach* or spirit of our camp. We claim that we are in the business of building great summer memories. Our campers will recall that *ruach* later in life. The friendships they will make at JCC Camp will be our contribution to your child's life.

Finally, the camp is in capable Jewish hands. At the top level, our camp directors and planners are all educators, and do not view camp as a summer respite. I have been principal of Ottawa Modern Jewish School since 1976 and have always had a strong commitment to Judaism and to my community. Program Director Gale Greenberg is a professional with educational certification who works with young children all year in a Jewish environment.

In the future, you will hear more about our various programs. In the meantime, if you want a summer where your child can learn and grow, make friendships, and feel proud of their Jewishness, call the JCC at 789-1818.



## Camp lunches to continue as option

By Carol Kassie  
JCC President

Over the years the JCC Day Camp has evolved into a first rate programme. We have made every effort to adjust to the needs of our campers and their parents. We have created our Sports Camp, Theatre Arts Camp, LIT program, after camp care service, and Basketball Camp to meet the needs of our participants. This year we will introduce the option of one week sessions.

All of these innovations are costly. No matter how many campers we have per week, we must have a certain number of staff on hand at all times. Good 'specialty' instructors such as swim staff, arts and crafts

supplies, field trips and special events are not inexpensive.

We also feel that all children who wish to have a summer camp experience in a Jewish environment should be able to do so. Last year we provided more than \$30,000 in scholarships to campers who would otherwise have been unable to have that experience.

We must also, of course, be fiscally responsible to our community. Day camp is an expensive programme to run, and although it is primarily paid for by fees, the JCC still subsidizes it to a certain extent.

One of the most costly areas of last year's camp was food. To provide kosher meals for all our campers over a seven week period cost us

more than \$20,000. For that reason the executive and board of the JCC had decided to eliminate the lunches that were always served as part of camp.

Due to the 'feedback' that we have received regarding that decision, we have come up with a solution that will hopefully satisfy those parents who want us to continue to serve lunches, and will also not be a financial drain for us.

As an option, we will provide lunch for your child for \$14.00 a week. This will cover the cost of four lunches; Friday's barbecue is included in your camp fees. Lunches must be paid for in advance. For more information, please call Carolyn at 789-1818.

## JCC offers a new summer camp for the stage-struck kid

By Estelle Melzer

This summer, the JCC will be offering an exciting new program for youngsters interested in performing in musical theatre. Triple Threat Musical Theatre Camp, under the direction of Brahm Olszynko and Lori Borts, will help kids develop the singing, dancing and acting skills needed to become a 'triple threat' performer.

The camp is modelled on their very successful Triple Threat Musical Theatre Program, launched this fall at the JCC. The thirty plus students enrolled in this program have developed performing skills and confidence at a remarkable rate. They came in to the program with different skill levels, and each one of them has made visible progress - and had a lot of fun in the process. The class has given numerous public performances and is looking forward to its year end revue, *Dream*,

a Musical, which will take place at the Museum of Nature, May 28-31.

Triple Threat Camp will concentrate on teaching singing, drama, and theatre dance skills, as well as giving information on stagecraft, makeup, auditions, and other aspects of performing.

Campers will also have classes in painting and drawing, with much of their creative energy focused on creating the scenery and backdrops for their performances. Daily Red Cross swim instruction will be included, and some of the performing arts classes will take place outdoors.

For the more advanced students, Triple Threat Camp will offer a Masters program. The program is geared for students aged 13 and above, but some younger students with advanced skills will also be considered, based on assessments.

Artistic Directors Brahm

Olszynko and Lori Borts each have extensive training and experience in musical theatre. More importantly, they seem to be able to convey their love of performing to others. They give kids confidence and make learning and developing theatre skills exciting, challenging and fun. Parents who have children in either the Triple Threat Musical Theatre Program or Broadway Babies, a program Brahm and Lori run for younger children, are thrilled with the progress their youngsters are making.

Anne Benedek, whose daughter Nicole is in Triple Threat, says, "She can't get enough of the program. She doesn't want to miss a class. My daughter's definitely become more extroverted and confident because of this program."

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# the teen scene



## JCC Theatreworks' Peter Pan a sellout!

By Estelle Melzer

JCC Theatreworks' presentation of *Peter Pan* exceeded the most optimistic expectations of its producers. *Peter Pan*, starring a talented cast of 41 local teens and youngsters, played five sold out performances at Centrepointe Theatre in March. "If we could have run for two more performances, we would have sold them out also," exulted executive producer Robert Gould.

The play was a critical as well as popular success, garnering rave reviews from Charles Haynes on CBC Radio and Iris Winston in *The Ottawa Citizen*.

It had all the ingredients - a charming, beloved story, incredible costumes and set designs, and a really talented, polished cast of kids. Director Nancy Turner, Musical Director Drummond Hudson and Choreographer Val Keenleyside brought out the best in each per-



Cast of Peter Pan

former. Strong performances by leads Maran Stern as a plucky 'Peter', Naomi Rachlis as 'Wendy', Jen Waizer as 'Tiger Lily' and Oren Hercz as a really villainous 'Captain Hook' held the attention of even the youngest theatregoers.

"Watching the opening night made all the trials and hard work of the last six months well worthwhile," Robert Gould commented.

Asked if there was anyone special he would like to thank, he mentioned the cast, production staff and

support of the JCC, but singled out what he felt was an exceptional aspect of our community's annual teen play. "JCC Theatreworks is unique in that we have the financial support of the many advertisers in our program book," he pointed out.

"A production of this calibre would definitely not be possible without that support. We just couldn't do it."

JCC Theatreworks producers are now working on next year's production. Watch *Centrefold* for details.



AZA B'nai Amitai Basketball Team (front row, left to right): Manny Olszynko, Joey Lyman, Adviser David Baker; (middle row) Mark Chodos, David Slover, B.J. Blumenthal, Jason Teloer; (back row) Jon Feldman, Erin Ramsay, Mike Fish and Alex Kulik.

### Ottawa AZA wins Region's Basketball Finals

On Sunday, March 26, Ottawa AZA's B'nai Amitai chapter won the AZA regional basketball tournament which took place at the JCC, 151 Chapel Street.

The Ottawa team played against the Hamilton Netzach chapter which had previously won every game. The game was an intense battle of skill and the final result was 79 - 60 for

Ottawa. Congratulations to both teams.

B'nai Amitai now advances to the AZA International Finals which will take place in New Haven on the May 5 weekend.

Special thanks to: advisors David Baker, Laurie Goldmann and Elyce Frydman; referees John Addy and Stuart Berson; and Harris Pleet and Mitch Miller.

## Tweens climb the walls

On Sunday, March 19, the JCC's tween and teen Connection group ventured out to Verticle Reality, Ottawa's indoor rock-climbing gym. The fifteen participants tried out a new and unique experience and everyone had a ball.

The program began with registration and belay instruction. Then everyone had a chance to climb the walls, literally.

After an exciting workout, the group sat down to a snack of chips and cola, while engaging in friendly conversation and getting better acquainted. It was a great outing.

The JCC's Teen Connection meets monthly for varied activities. Look for our flyers in your mail, or call Andrea at the JCC, 789-1818, to get your name on the mailing list.



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## FOCUS ON FINANCE

## Are trusts still alive?

By Gregory Sanders

With discussions over the past several years about the introduction of a wealth or inheritance tax being introduced in Ontario, estate planning has been on people's minds.

One of the major components of estate planning is the use of trusts. Wealthy Canadians have long sheltered income in family trusts and have used these trusts to defer taxation of family assets to future generations. But, if you think trusts are the sole domain of the wealthy, think again. Trusts are a very flexible and smart estate and financial planning tool for all Canadians.

Generally an *intervivos* trust is established by a person during their lifetime by the transfer of property from that person to a trustee who holds the property on the terms outlined in the trust document, for the benefit of those named in that document. Assets that are transferred to a trust are no longer owned (even if they continue to be controlled) by that person and in theory would not be included in a person's estate for estate, probate and tax purposes. *Intervivos* trusts have thus offered interesting planning and control opportunities for family businesses and for investments.

That being said, the February 1995 federal budget proposed certain changes to the taxation of trusts that may impact their effectiveness. Two major changes were announced in the most recent budget: the elimination of the preferred beneficiary election and the taxation of trust assets every 21 years.

The preferred beneficiary election (PBE) is a tax mechanism that allows a trust to allocate its income to certain beneficiaries without the requirement of actually paying that income to that particular beneficiary. To understand the importance of this rule, you should first realize that an *intervivos* trust established after 1971 is taxed at the highest marginal rate (in Ontario that means the trust income is

taxed at over 53 per cent). With this tax rate, absent the PBE, there is no tax saving to the use of a trust to shelter income from Revenue Canada.

This is where the PBE becomes so important. The PBE allows you to treat the income earned by the trust as earned by the individual beneficiaries (who are either the spouse, children or grandchildren of the person who set up the trust) and taxed in their hands at their marginal rate rather than at the rate of 53 per cent outlined above. If a beneficiary earns little or no income (for example, a minor), the tax savings can be quite substantial depending on how much trust income gets allocated to that beneficiary.

Starting in 1996, the PBE will no longer be available. That means that the only way that a trust can be used to continue to split income is if the income of the trust is paid or payable to a particular beneficiary. Many people are not comfortable with this because it means that in some circumstances they may have to pay trust income to minor children to achieve the tax savings, and thus lose control over the trust assets.

The second change in the budget was the removal of the deferral of taxation of trust assets every 21 years. Prior to 1972, there was no tax on capital gains in Canada. Starting in 1972, capital gains were taxed and to ensure that trusts were not used to avoid this tax a rule was introduced to tax the assets of a trust every 21 years. The former government felt that this was unfair in circumstances where a trust did not have cash to pay the tax on this deemed sale and thus introduced a deferral of this tax until the death of the last qualifying beneficiary of the trust. The 1995 budget eliminates this deferral so that starting in 1995, trusts once again will be subject to a deemed disposition of their assets.

Does this spell the end of family trusts? I don't think so. There are still many non-tax reasons for setting up a family

trust, such as providing for disabled children, holding appreciating but non-income-producing assets, protecting assets from creditors, meeting various support obligations, ensuring there are sufficient funds for your children's or grandchildren's education and keeping certain investments private. As well, the income tax benefits of income-splitting with trusts are still there, just harder to achieve if a person's main goal in establishing the trust is to control those assets in the trust. Trusts can still be used to split income and protect people from wealth and inheritance taxes - you just can't do those things and control the assets at the same time.

For those people with trusts - hang on and talk to your advisers about what the next steps should be. For those of you considering a trust - review the role you wish to have the trust play. There still may be valid reasons for setting up that trust.

Gregory Sanders is an associate with the Tax Group, Ogilvy Renault, specializing in estate and tax planning.

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## KID LIT

# Pesach: Non-traditional holiday stories (Part Two)



## KID LIT

DEANNA SILVERMAN

In the Winnipeg of my childhood, Pesach often coincided with school holidays and the start of two favorite springtime activities, bicycling and pick-up baseball. Good thing too because the playing field was several blocks from home and mother insisted that Pesach meals be eaten at home.

So whenever possible my *Chol Amud* Pesach days consisted of baseball and zooming home for lunch or dinner. One Pesach, I remember being especially disgruntled with this arrangement.

"What did you do about Pesach in the country," I challenged, referring to a much earlier period when the family had lived in the small farming community of Foston, Saskatchewan. "I bet you weren't as strict about Pesach there."

"Never mind," my mother answered. "Don't you dare be late for dinner."

Those memories may be one reason for the joy and delight with which I read the following two decidedly non-traditional Pesach stories.

### A Wilderness Passover

By Kathleen Cook Waldron  
Illustrated by Leslie Gould  
Northern Lights Books for Children  
Red Deer College Press 1994  
Unpaged; Ages 4-9

*A Wilderness Passover* is a rare love and must story that effortlessly succeeds in capturing numerous dimensions of the Pesach spirit. Set in the mountains of Ruby Lake, Canada, it describes a family's first seder "in the middle of nowhere."

Far from her father, other relatives and city life, Mama is especially distraught about making a seder. Papa and the two children, Louis and Susan, are determined not only to make it happen but to do it right.

Taking as its focal points the Haggadah invitation

"let all who are hungry come and eat" and Elijah's visit, the story details the children's solution to the problem of assembling the symbolic food for the seder platter. The possibilities are many. The end result, a truly unique seder.

Realistically and sensitively written and illustrated with a keen eye to natural detail, *A Wilderness Passover* reflects a modern, communal interpretation of Elijah's ghostly seder visit. It's a superb, all Canadian addition to Pesach Kid Lit. Hip, hip, huray!

### Matzah Ball, A Passover Story

By Mindy Avra Portnoy  
Illustrated by Katherine Janus Kahn  
Kar-Ben Copies, Inc. 1994  
Unpaged; Ages 5-9

The title *Matzah Ball* is a delightful play on words that sets the tone for this story of a young boy going to a Baltimore Orioles baseball game with non-Jewish friends during Pesach. Coincidentally, it too is an Elijah story. This time with a sporty spin.

As anyone who's been to the Ottawa Lynx ballpark knows, eating junk food while watching baseball seems to be as important to fans as watching the game. The same goes for Aaron and his friends. So Aaron's more than a little disgruntled when he has to take his own Passover food with him - matzah, tuna, macaroons and "those disgusting, sugary fruit slices".

But guess what? Aaron's friends love his food and every other morsel sold at the food stands. By the fifth inning, Aaron's starving. By the eighth, when his friends go to the concession stands one more time, Aaron is in a blue funk.

Just then an old man sits down beside Aaron and tells him about the old days at the Brooklyn Dodger ballpark when

## MATZAH BALL



### A PASSOVER STORY

Mindy Avra Portnoy  
illustrated by  
Katherine Janus Kahn

everyone brought Pesach lunches. He offers Aaron a piece of matzah and fervently whispers his own Dayenu prayer. "Just one home run, Cal. Dayenu."

Crack goes the bat. Up goes Aaron's matzah. You know who disappears. And guess what's in Aaron's lap surrounded by matzah crumbs?

Colorful, energetic illustrations add spirit, zest and texture to this very modern, very real Pesach story. Every Jewish baseball fan, young and old, will identify with it, every step of the way. I certainly did.

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## SIXTY SOMETHING

## Ignore the naysayers: Go, seniors, go!



Returning to the Kodiak.



Fran Greenblatt (left) on the Reid Glacier.

By Fran Greenblatt

Although I was advised that the trip I was planning to Alaska was not for the faint-hearted, or more precisely not for people of a certain age, I chose to ignore all the naysayers. Why should a trip that promises adventure, spectacular scenery and excitement be off-limits to seniors? No reason I could think of. So, if you're willing to forego the comforts of a luxury-style cruise for the opportunity to enjoy, close up, a remarkable encounter with nature, then this trip is for you.

## Juneau, Alaska

At 7:30 am I stepped off the elevator to meet Tom, the guide. A large man in black beret and turtle-neck looked at me; I was not what he expected, or wanted, for that matter.

"Tom," he turned, "I'm Fran Greenblatt."

His face could have been an ad for soap; it was whiter than white. I could imagine the wheels turning in his head, "Oh my God! A little old lady, with a cane yet!"

I was not deterred. In fact, at the end of the trip, the seven other passengers, all in their 30s and 40s, and the four crew voted me the one they'd most like to have on board all summer.

Humpbacks! Blows! Flukes! Tails beating on the water. The Humpback is a baleen whale that lunge feeds. The meal of the moment is scooped up from the bottom in their cavernous jaws. The heads surge straight up, jaws open, the water pours out but all the herring and foodstuff remain in the baleen. One marvellous incident: when a group surfaced right in front of the bow, the centre whale's jaws could have swallowed us all - but we weren't the right flavor.

I never knew which was the best way to get into the Kodiak (inflatable). To step down into it from the Delphinous (our boat) was a bit much for the hips. I finally devised a system whereby I backed up to it, put my bum down on the side and then one of the crew grabbed my legs and flung my 140 pounds (plus 10 pounds of boots and clothing) of 75-year-old flab into the inflatable. Getting out at water's edge was easier, but getting back onto the Delphinous, well, I was glad the crew was strong.

## Up Glacier Bay to Reid Glacier

On its voyage down millions of years ago, the glacier had picked up the earth and all the growth. Now, as it melted and receded, it left behind the dirt, stones and rocks of these millions of years.

I climbed out of the inflatable into the silt-filled water with Linda,

our cook, holding onto me. We struggled onto the moraine. Linda asked me if I could say a small prayer and I made a bracha.

As we came to the face of the glacier, Tom gave me his arm and helped me climb down into an ice grotto. We stood there - looking at the even striations of colors, the blue-green at the top turning deep blue and becoming darker towards the bottom, almost purple. There is no white in glaciers.

Looking down the bay we saw the different levels of growth on the shores, new mountains and new trees, evolving time zones of the natural world. Awed, I knew the finger of God had to be there.

Back in the inflatable we glided up to the glacier's face. Even, mathematically precise, blue to purple striations were stunningly visible. There was an other-worldly aura of luminescent, pale, pale green. Awesome. It was hard to imagine that 200 years ago when Captain Vancouver came up the coast he found only a solid wall of ice. There was no bay.

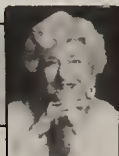
## Basket Bay

Ronn, our captain, guided the inflatable into the quiet stream of Basket Bay where salmon spawned. We slipped under a natural span of limestone. The Indians had fished here for generations until we came - with our greed and modern fishing boats - and stripped the bay clean.

As we floated under the span, the stream slipped underground and we now were in a slightly brackish pool. The sun stippled the water through the trees. One dead tree had fallen partially across the pool, but it gave life to lichen and mosses, and a tiny, purple flower, lovely but poisonous.

Television correspondent Joe Schlesinger in his book *Time Zones* quotes Salman Rushdie: "In this world without quiet corners there can be no easy escapes from history, from hullabaloo, from unquiet fuss." Readers: there are some quiet corners in the world of nature. I'd be happy to show them to you. You pay!

## Reflections on a college reunion



## SIXTY SOMETHING

RUTH WEITZ

you brought your handsome son."

She glared and the daggers from her cold stare pierced me. "He is not my son," she said icily. Luckily I didn't trip on my spike heels as I raced out of the elevator when it stopped.

Entering a crowded room decorated with crepe paper and balloons, I collected my name tag, pinned it on my shoulder and looked around for a familiar face. I was dumbfounded that these men and women could be my contemporaries. They all looked so old. Most of the men were bald with white fringes of hair decorating the lower part of their heads. Bulging paunches hung over their belts. Most of the women had red, orange, black and blonde hair and most had gained a lot of weight.

As I walked around and introduced myself, I met doctors, lawyers, accountants, professors, business men, all retired and all looking prosperous. I did not recognize anyone. No one recognized me.

I spoke to one woman whose name looked familiar. "You look wonderful," I said. "You haven't changed a bit." Well, of course, she had but she was 10 years younger than her sister who was the one I went to school with. She let me know that in no uncertain terms, then turned and walked away.

A few minutes later I was sure I recognized a dark-haired woman. "Janet," I called in a loud voice, "You haven't changed a bit." Her response was immediate. "I'm not Janet. Can't you read a name tag that clearly says Margaret?"

My third mistake of the evening, I made too many more to mention. The one expression heard all night was "You haven't changed a bit." Good heavens, did we all look this old 50 years ago?

I searched for my old flame. Did he die? Did he marry and move to Puerto Rico? The truth was I did not see one man without a wife or a woman he was living with. Way back in our school years, we did not live together until after we married. Today, our grandchildren do. Live together that is. We wouldn't think of it. Maybe that was the trouble. We didn't think of it.

I was tired, I was bored and my feet hurt. I headed for the outside, taking off my red shoes as I walked. I walked to my car in stocking feet and as the young male attendant opened the door for me, I dangled the shoes in his face. "Give 'em to your girlfriend," I mumbled.

I drove home the way I arrived. Alone. Well, I thought, there's always next year.

The morning mail brought an announcement of a dinner to celebrate the 50th anniversary of my college graduation. I mailed my acceptance and immediately checked out my wardrobe. Nothing looked quite right.

I began to haunt the stores for a new dress. Soon after graduation, I had married and moved to another state so had not kept in touch with any of my school friends. If anyone would remember me they would recall only a young girl with a bouncy walk in shoes with three-inch heels. My shoes were now flat or very low-heeled.

Eventually I found a dress that pleased me. It was bright red and cost more than I normally spend. Then I bought red shoes. The salesman said, "Madam, these shoes look so sexy on your feet. You must buy them." I believed him. I bought them. The heels were three inches high. I wore the shoes in my apartment to practise walking. I wobbled, I lost my balance, but after a week or so, I felt more secure and no longer stumbled.

I had lost my husband two years earlier after a long debilitating illness and now began to weave romantic dreams about meeting a widower at the reunion. I remember an old boyfriend I had a crush on in my junior year and fantasized he would be there, without a wife.

Time passed and the night of the dinner arrived. I sat at my dressing table for two hours putting on globs of make-up. I left off my bifocals so squinted to see well enough to thicken my eyelashes with mascara. I reflected on my mature image while young-girl thoughts occupied my mind. And I had a decision to make: to drive my own car or use a taxi to bring me to the hotel. If I had my own car and if I met a man who offered to drive me home, I'd have to decline. On the other hand, if no one asked, I'd have to pay for a taxi again. Common sense prevailed at the last minute and I decided to drive myself.

I left my car with the parking attendant and rode the elevator to the third floor. Next to me was an old woman clutching the arm of a much younger man. I'm a friendly person, so I smiled and said, "How nice

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## HEALTH FILE

# Medicare in 1995: the emperor has no clothes

By Dr. Ron Vexler

Despite the protestations of Prime Minister Chrétien and Health Minister Marleau to the contrary, almost everyone in Canada now realizes that our beloved system of universal, accessible and free health care is about to undergo a radical change.

For 25 years, Canadians enjoyed a system which looked after everyone, not just with basic care but with modern, sophisticated treatment. It was costly, undoubtedly, but the taxpayers of the 70s and 80s accepted that burden in order to provide a cornerstone for our uniquely Canadian social fabric. However, the erosion of our ability to pay, combined with the realization that health-care has been financed to the detriment of roads, bridges and education, has led government to look at alternatives. What will emerge in the next two years will be a new system - they may call it medicare, but it will be thoroughly different.

Even before the introduction of medicare in Ontario in 1971, health costs escalated dramatically. There was a tremendous expansion in the number of hospitals, supported by the belief that more beds and more equipment were synonymous with good care. Our medical schools geared up for the production of

many more highly trained specialists and fewer general practitioners. On a per capita basis, Canada became the second highest spender for health care in the western world. However, we soon realized that a direct relationship between health care spending and quality of life did not exist. Sweden and Japan, for example, spent less per person, yet reported a longer life expectancy and lower infant mortality.

Governments have long been preoccupied with the regulation of health care and medical practice. In 2200 BC, Hammurabi, King of Babylon, brought in laws that limited doctors' fees and punished them for treatments that injured patients. In ancient China, the mandarins gave preventive medicine a boost by paying doctors only if their patients were well. Today, while there are cultural and institutional differences between nations, it is safe to say that re-engineering of 20th century medicine is occurring in all western, developed countries. Common themes include less dependence on hospital beds, fewer physicians and other health providers, greater efficiency and accountability.

Efficiency means that you now come into hospital on the morning of surgery, rather than the night before. Your post-op stay is shortened from a week to two

to three days. More than 50 per cent of all surgery is now done on an outpatient basis. New mothers go home 24 hours after delivery. Accountability means that there are fewer choices that your physician can make: provincial drug plans limit the selection of pharmaceuticals available; most U.S. insurance plans require pre-authorization of any surgery by the insurer; prescribing tests or treatments is governed by 'cost' rather than by disease.

Along with these limitations we have seen the first intrusion of 'user pay' into the Canadian medicare system. Quebec now requires a user fee for prescriptions. Alberta has allowed private eye clinics and MRI laboratories to open. All of the provinces have 'delisted' procedures from routine eye exams to vasectomies - these must now be paid for by the consumer. Ontario is quietly paying for a significant number of residents to go to the U.S. for cardiac surgery.

These cost-controlling measures have produced dramatic changes in our health-care institutions. For example, the province of Alberta has recently announced the closure of two hospitals in each of Calgary and Edmonton. Quebec says that it plans to reduce by 3,000 the number of beds in Montreal. Planners in Toronto and Ottawa talk about

similar restructuring.

Medical schools are also feeling the winds of cost reduction. All of the schools in Canada have been instructed to reduce enrolment in medicine, as well as in residency positions by 10-15 per cent. Three provincial ministers have written to McGill asking that it no longer accept out-of-province students in medicine. Almost all of the provinces have imposed bans on licence to practice for foreign students and the provincial borders now define that boundary.

With these few examples and the many more changes to come it will certainly require a large leap of faith in our federal leaders to accept the premise that the national standards of medicare that evolved through the Canada Health Act of 1984 can be retained. Instead, we should admit that we can afford the Chevy, not the Cadillac - or, as the prime minister said recently, 'medicare without the frills'. The fundamental changes in this so-called 'sacred trust' must be exposed fully so that the public may judge whether the 1995 version fulfils its needs.

The emperor may catch a cold!

Dr. Ron Vexler, a practising cardiologist, is the newly appointed chief of staff at the Queensway-Carleton Hospital and a consultant at the Ottawa Heart Institute.

## "New Vistas in Stroke Research and Treatment" to be presented by Weizmann Chapter

The Ottawa Chapter of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science will hold its second program of 1995 on Wednesday, April 26 at 7:30 pm at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Norman Barwin, 73 Loch Isle Road, Nepean.

All members and prospective members are invited to hear Dr. Antoine Hakim, director of the Neuroscience Research Institute of the University of Ottawa, who will speak on "New Vistas in Stroke Research and Treatment".

Did you know...

- Stroke is the leading cause of adult neurological disability?
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Dr. Antoine Hakim

- A third of stroke victims are between the ages of 35 and 65?

Dr. Hakim will present an overview of stroke prevention and the reduction of risk factors. Time will be spent on identifying the signs and symptoms of stroke. He will discuss the current clinical management of stroke, look at future trends and outline his ongoing laboratory research and clinical trials at the Ottawa General Hospital.

There is no charge for this program for members of the Ottawa

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autobiographer of  
*Closer to the Sun*

Close to 300 Jewish community members gathered at the Panorama Room of the National Arts Centre to participate in the annual UJA volunteer appreciation evening and to hear Garth Drabinsky talk about his newly published book "Closer to the Sun".

Frequently quoting from his book, Drabinsky, a Tony-award winning producer of such successful musicals as "The Phantom of the Opera" and "Kiss of the Spider Woman", spoke passionately about the controversy and political manipulation by representatives of minority groups which surrounded the production of his newest musical "Show Boat".

Sunny Tavel, chair of the 1995 United Jewish Appeal Campaign, acknowledged the hundreds of volunteers who have worked tirelessly for the community and for Israel. She

gave special thanks to the Young Business and Professional Division, and to the Public Service Division.

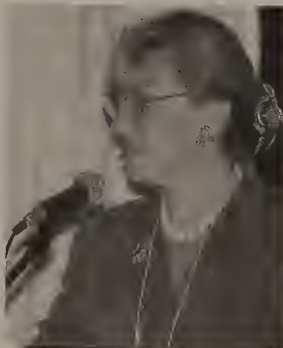
Cally Kardash recognized the Young Women's Leadership Council which has supported the women's campaign by taking on leadership positions on cabinet and by working on various community programs which enhanced the campaign.

Dr. Sid Kardash and Naomi Lipsky-Cracower, who chaired the evening's organizing committee, were introduced as the incoming chairs of the General Campaign and Women's Division for the 1996 campaign.

Jory Steinberg entertained the audience with renditions of songs from such well known musicals as "Sunset Boulevard" and "Funny Girl".

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- Sunny Tavel,  
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Charles Schachnow accepts award from Sunny Tavel for chairing the Young Business and Professional Division.



"I am proud of the accomplishments of the women in our community..."

- Cally Kardash, chair, Women's Division,  
presents award to Jackie Barwin, chair of the  
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Incoming chairs: Dr. Sid Kardash, 1996 UJA Campaign;  
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## ISRAEL AND THE WORLD

## Archeology in Israel:

## Researching the Greek Connection

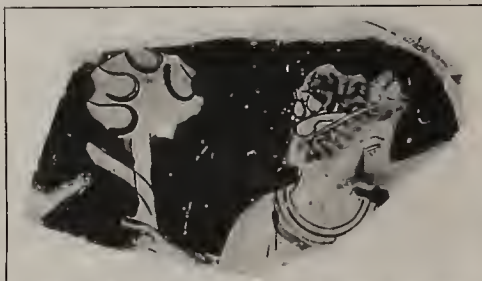
During recent excavations carried out by students of the Department of Classical Studies at Tel Aviv University in the area of the harbor of the ancient port city Yavneh Yam, or Jamnia, earthenware imported from Rhodessa or Pergamon and other Greek cities was found, including "Megarian" bowls characteristic of the 3rd and 2nd centuries - artifacts dated to a time when ancient Israel was still under Persian rule. Large wine amphoras with stamped handles common in Rhodes, Chios and Kos were also found. The vessels indicate the presence of a large Hellenized population in Jamnia.

One of the most impressive finds from this period was a statuette of a girl playing a harp. Among the other Greek findings at the site were ceramic jars and two types of oil lamps of clearly Greek origin or inspiration, and potsherds decorated with mythological figures in the red-figure style characteristic of the 5th and 4th centuries BC. The discovery of an almost whole jug of East Greek character dating back to the 7th century seems to point towards even earlier connections with the Greek world.

(Source: Jerusalem Dateline)



Second century BC Greek ceramic statuette of a girl playing a harp, found at the Yavne Yam excavations.



A shard from a fifth century BC Greek pot excavated at Yavne Yam. (Photos: Yoram Wineberg)

## Disney-owned investment group purchases Histadrut's main holding

JERUSALEM (JTA) - A Disney-owned investment company has purchased nearly a quarter stake in one of Israel's largest companies in what is believed to be the largest foreign investment in an Israeli company.

Shamrock Investments, an investment group controlled by communications mogul Roy Disney, acquired a 22.5 per cent interest in Koor Industries.

The deal was valued at \$252 million, said Stanley

Gold, Shamrock president. Shamrock, which is based in Burbank, California, purchased 3.9 million shares of Koor stock from Hevrat HaOvdim, a holding company of the Histadrut labor federation.

By selling all its shares in Koor, Histadrut divested itself of its main business holding. Histadrut represents about 60 per cent of Israel's workers. Koor, one of Israel's biggest and most profitable conglomerates, employs about 20,000

people in 30 businesses, including communications, chemicals, electronics and construction materials.

## Torah ceremony in Prague includes Havel, Israeli scribes

PRAGUE (JTA) - Czech President Vaclav Havel recently took part in the ceremonial return of a repaired Torah scroll to this city's historic Altneuschul synagogue.

In a ceremony that began at the Jewish town hall here, the chair of the Czech Federation of the Jewish Communities, Jiri Danicek, said because of the stormy history of the country during the 20th century, the scroll had not been repaired since 1907.

During the ceremony, two scribes from Israel who had carried out the repair inscribed the last words of the Torah in the open scroll.

The Torah was then rolled up, dressed and festooned

with a golden crown that had been donated to the Prague community in the 18th century by one of its rabbis, Ezechiel Landau, who died in 1793.

The Torah was carried out of the town hall by Henry Greenfield, an Australian Jew of Prague origin who sponsored the repair and who will finance the repair of 10 additional Prague Torahs in the coming years. Accompanying the Torah in a procession to the Altneuschul were klezmer musicians, singers and dancers.

In his remarks, Havel said the ceremony reflected the revival of the Jewish community in his country.

## Two groups vie for creation of national Holocaust centre

LONDON (JTA) - The race is on to establish a national Holocaust centre in London.

A private Jewish group recently unveiled plans for a multimillion dollar museum that would be a smaller-scale version of the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington.

The group's announcement came as officials at Britain's Imperial War Museum were contemplating the construction of a wing that would, in part, be devoted to the Holocaust.

The private group said a report it had commissioned projected a building with 50,000 square feet of exhibition space. The building would cost about \$16 million to build and about another \$8 million

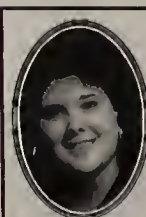
to \$16 million to endow, according to the report.

The group wants its museum to concentrate exclusively on the history of the Holocaust.

Planners at the Imperial War Museum are meanwhile thinking of creating a wing that would be devoted more generally to the history of genocide.

The director of the Imperial War Museum, Alan Borg, said a "major new section" of at least 1,000 square feet was being contemplated that would be largely, though not solely, focused on the Holocaust.

"We are not in opposition. We can complement each other," Israel Weinstock, a member of the private group, said of the two sets of plans.



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## ISRAEL AND THE WORLD

Behind the headlines

## Even peace won't revive Belfast's tiny Jewish world

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (JTA) - It will take more than peace to rejuvenate the tiny Jewish community of this strife-ridden republic.

It will take a miracle.

Worn down by 25 years of sectarian violence between Roman Catholics and Protestants, Northern Ireland's Jewish community is on the verge of extinction. The community here is rapidly aging, and there are few young people to ensure its continuity.

Although Jews here share their neighbors' hopes for a continuation of the five-month cease-fire agreed to by the Irish Republican Army, they have no illusions about their own community's future.

With a shrug of the shoulders and a shake of the head, they acknowledge that Jewish life here will likely cease to exist within 50 years, at the most.

And if new blood is not introduced soon, they say, the end could come much sooner.

## Younger generation has fled

Like many of Northern Ireland's non-Jewish residents, the younger generation of Jews has fled the republic's political unrest and the high unemployment rates associated with it.

Many have been lured away by a mainland British education, causing a brain drain throughout the region.

At its heyday during the 1960s, Northern Ireland's Jewish community - based almost entirely in Belfast - had 1,600 members. Today, that number has dwindled to 220.

Established in the 1850s, the community has traditionally attracted British Jews as well as those fleeing persecution in other parts of Europe.

Once a thriving centre of Jewishness, with its own afternoon Hebrew school and a mikvah, the community has had to sell off the building housing these facilities for financial reasons.

Although the mikvah is gone, the synagogue survives.

Modern and well kept, the Belfast Hebrew Congregation is home to Sunday-morning Hebrew classes and a

variety of activities, ranging from World Zionist Organization gatherings to bridge night.

And every so often, the small kosher kitchen caters a circumcision or a Bar Mitzvah.

Considering the size of the congregation, the turnout for Shabbat morning services is nothing short of remarkable.

On any given Shabbat, at least a fifth of the community - 40 to 50 people - come to the synagogue to pray and schmooze.

Visitors are warmly welcomed and invariably invited home for a meal.

Located in an area that was until recently considered a war zone, the synagogue has been unable to attract a permanent rabbi for quite some time.

To fill the gap, an acting rabbi is flown in from London once or twice a week.

Kosher food, on the other hand, arrives by ship. Jewish families, who once ordered their food from Dublin, now order it from Manchester, England.

And even though few community members are strictly observant, many continue to keep kosher and attend the synagogue's Orthodox services on a regular basis.

Asked how their lives have changed since the cease-fire went into effect in mid-October, most Jewish residents give a quizzical smile. "You need to understand something," says an elderly woman. "Those who couldn't live with the violence

left long ago. Those who remain feel largely unaffected."

Indeed, despite the fact that a few local Jews have been injured or worse during the 25 years of bomb blasts and shootings, no member of the community has been targeted for being Jewish, the locals say.

And despite its location in the heart of Belfast, it is believed that the synagogue has never been vandalized. As bombs maimed people around it, the synagogue remained a

veritable oasis.

"In truth, I was never really affected by the troubles," says Kenneth Lewis, 80, referring to the violence between Catholics and Protestants. "After a while you learn to live with it. The others are so busy with themselves, they have no time for us. So the cease-fire is business as usual."

Alex Jaffe, who moved to Belfast from Manchester in 1957, concurs.

"The troubles haven't affected me very much over the years," he says. "You see, the Jewish community has been courted by both sides."

"The Catholics say, 'You're like us. You light candles.' The Protestants say, 'You're against the pope, let's join forces.' They want to know, 'Are you a Catholic Jew or a Protestant Jew?'"

"When someone asks me, 'If you have to choose between the IRA or the English, what would you do?' I say, 'I wouldn't even join the Salvation Army.'"

Jaffe stresses that "the Jewish community has been careful to remain neutral. If we keep a low profile politically, we are accepted by both sides."

But the cease-fire has had some impact on the residents of Northern Ireland, and the Jews are no exception.

If pressed, they point to fewer British troops and roadblocks, and to a greater overall sense of security.

Whether the fragile cease-fire will ultimately attract Jews back to Northern Ireland is another matter.

"If there was a sustained peace, it might bring about a change," says David Warm, chairman of the Jewish community.

"But I wouldn't bank on it."

"As we prepare to celebrate our family seders, let's not forget the freedoms we enjoy."

Best wishes for a happy Pesach!



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## New discovery: First known reference outside the Bible to the House of David

A unique inscription mentioning the "House of David" was discovered in Israel in the excavations of the ancient city of Dan. This is the first extra-biblical reference to King David ever to come to light.

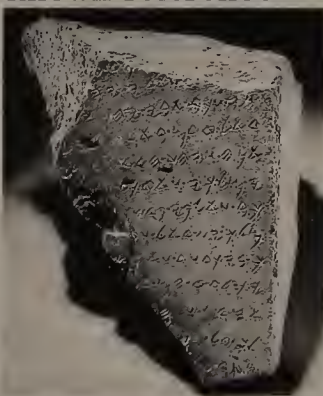
The inscription, written in Aramaic, is part of a victory stele apparently erected by one of the kings of Aram, relating his triumphs over his enemies. Only 13 lines of the original text have survived.

The stele was smashed in ancient times, and this fragment was found in secondary use near the outer gate of the city. It is the first monumental inscription from the First Temple Period to be discovered in Israel, as apparently, it was not common for the kings of Judah and Israel to erect monuments in their honor.

(Source: Jerusalem Dateline)

The words "the House of David" are clearly inscribed on this 9th century BC basalt victory stele discovered in Israel at the Tel Dan excavations in the Upper Galilee.

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## THE WORLD

# Thousands come to pray at grave of Lubavitcher rebbe - or send fax

NEW YORK (JTA) - It does not take long to realize that this is not just any cemetery.

A billboard greets approaching visitors who are coming to pray where the Lubavitcher rebbe is buried.

"Let's Welcome Moshiach With Acts of Goodness and Kindness!" it exhorts. The large lettering is beside an enormous photograph of the late Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, who led the Lubavitch movement for 44 years and died last June at the age of 92.

And before entering the cemetery, visitors can now stop at the newest Chabad house, a small, one-storey edifice recently purchased by a prominent member of the movement and turned into a hospitality centre on the edge of the graveyard.

Australian mining magnate and Lubavitch benefactor Yosef Gutnick bought the house in December for \$200,000 cash.

It had been the home of a middle-class family in this remote section of Queens called St. Albans. Today it serves as a stopover for the hundreds of visitors who visit the late Lubavitcher rebbe's grave each week.

Inside the house, visitors sit in what was previously a child's bedroom - teddy-bear decorations still trimming the walls - and watch videos of the rebbe handing out dollars to those who came to see him every Sunday while he presided over his community in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn.

Those who come to the house pray in a room turned into a synagogue by the presence of a Sefer Torah, which is kept in a 7-foot-high steel safe covered with an embroidered curtain.

They write down their requests for heavenly intercession on the unlined paper provided, pick up a candle to light at the grave and walk through the kitchen, out the back door and through the postage-stamp-sized back yard.

The Lubavitchers cut through the fence that used to separate the house from the cemetery, and now visitors walk perhaps 100 yards to get to the Lubavitch section of the Old Montefiore Cemetery.

They have access 24 hours a day, seven days a week, though the cemetery is officially closed after 5 pm and on Shabbat.

So that the rebbe's spirit will have company on Shabbat, when driving is prohibited and few other visitors are likely to come, a minyan of male Lubavitch yeshiva students sleeps overnight Fridays at the hospitality centre and spends Shabbat at the grave.

Inside the house, two industrial-strength fax machines churn out a constant stream of requests for blessings from people who are ill, down on their luck or considering marriage.

And every hour or so Rabbi Abba Refson pulls a thick sheaf of them off of the machines to take them to the rebbe's grave, where he reads them and places them on top of the pile of notes.

The pile is a foot thick, evenly blanketing the 8-foot-square area of the grave site.

All told, about 1,000 faxes come in each day, said Refson, each from someone hoping that the rebbe's spirit will intercede on his or her behalf in heaven.

The fax machines are hidden behind a screen to protect the privacy of those sending the notes, so that visitors to the bare office do not accidentally read one of the requests.

Refson, a dark-bearded, affable young man of 23, is kept busy greeting visitors and answering the incoming calls on the incessantly ringing phone.

He writes down the requests for blessings that callers from around the world dictate, and brings them to the grave.

Three times a week, the notes are collected from the grave site and burned in a corner of the cemetery.

Visitors come to the house around the clock, some of them in taxis during layovers between flights at the nearby Kennedy International Airport.

Chasidim, including Lubavitchers, believe that their deceased rebbe's spirit hovers over the grave site and that his spiritual interaction with his followers increases after his death, according to Zalman Shmotkin, an aide at Lubavitch headquarters.

Among the visitors to the Lubavitcher rebbe's grave at the Old Montefiore Cemetery are Jews and non-Jews, the pious and the secular, all of whom were touched in some way by Schneerson or his teachings.

"More people come here on a day-to-day basis than were able to come to the rebbe during his lifetime," said Refson. "The thing I've been most surprised by is the number of people who come."

On a recent Sunday afternoon, the house was crowded with Lubavitch rabbis and other visitors, including two elderly Jewish women who spoke only Farsi, the language of their native Iran.

Refson hurried to get one of the women a "tichel", or head-covering, from the stock he keeps in the basement, so that she would be properly attired when



The late Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson

visiting the rebbe's grave.

Mourners take off their shoes outside the mausoleum and walk on the pebbled path inside the stone hut, where metal shelves hold dozens of dripping memorial candles.

Schneerson is buried alongside his father-in-law, Rabbi Yosef Yitzchok Schneersohn, who was the previous rebbe.

Men walk to the graves through a doorway on the right, women on the left, where they read from a special book called Ma'aneh Lashon.

Compiled by the second Lubavitcher rebbe, Dov Baer, it contains Psalms; passages from the Zohar, the text of Jewish mystics; and some specially composed prayers.

Even in death, the Lubavitch separate the sexes. The deceased rebbe is surrounded by the graves of men, including their deceased aides and Ari Halberstam, the Lubavitch teen who was murdered last year in a shooting on the Brooklyn Bridge.

Across a narrow path are the graves of Lubavitch women, including the rebbe's wife and his mother.

Sitting in the bare room, beneath the eyes of the rebbe looking down from an enormous photograph, Refson explained his role as the host of the house.

"Many, many people who come here, especially irreligious people, start crying" when they visit the rebbe's grave, he said.

"They don't understand why themselves. They're looking for direction, for a way to channel their spiritual reawakening to service to God," Refson said.

"The most challenging thing for me is meeting so many types of people and helping each one according to his needs."

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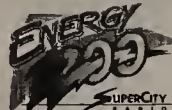
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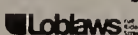
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Mazal Tov to Norma and Phil Lazear on the engagement of their son David to Rhonda Kibrick by Lil Saslove; and by Dorothy and Maurie Karp and family.

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Best wishes to Belle Greene on her birthday by Beatrice Stein.

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In observance of the Yartzheit of a dear husband

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Best wishes to Joe Ages for a speedy recovery by Enid and Jeff Gould.

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## Samuel and Sarah Shenkman Memorial Fund established

The officers and directors of the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation are pleased to announce the establishment of the Samuel and Sarah Shenkman Memorial Fund by Harold (Joe) Shenkman to mark his 85th birthday. The income from the fund will benefit Hillel Lodge in perpetuity.

Samuel and Sarah Shenkman were Joe's paternal grandparents who came to Canada in 1895 and settled in Ottawa's Lowertown. Unfortunately Samuel died after only five days in Ottawa and Sarah died to the day one year later.

Harold (Joe) Shenkman is one of the



Harold (Joe) Shenkman

Foundation's most dedicated and generous supporters. He has already established:

- The Ottawa Jewish Historical Society Fund
- The Max and Dora Shenkman Memorial Fund
- The Abraham Irving Shenkman Yiddish Scholarship Fund

He has also bequeathed his entire estate to the Foundation to benefit numerous charities in Ottawa and Canada.

The officers and directors of the Foundation wish Joe a Yasher Koach on his 85th birthday and best wishes for good health to celebrate many, many more.

## Howard Smolkin establishes funds in memory of parents and wife

The officers and directors of the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation are pleased to announce the establishment by Howard Smolkin of two funds:

**The Ben and Shirley Smolkin Memorial Fund**

in memory of his parents

**The Patricia Smolkin Memorial Fund**

in memory of his wife

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### In appreciation

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	Ottawa Hadassah-WIZO Amih Chapter "A Taste of Chocolate" Westin Hotel, 7:00 p.m.			 CANDLELIGHTING BEFORE 7:29 PM  EREV PASSOVER First Seder	FIRST DAY OF PASSOVER Second Seder	SECOND DAY OF PASSOVER
MONDAY, APRIL 17	TUESDAY, APRIL 18	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19	THURSDAY, APRIL 20	FRIDAY, APRIL 21	SATURDAY, APRIL 22	SUNDAY, APRIL 23
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